

OVERSEAS NEWS

Cossiga given unenthusiastic confidence vote

BY RUPERT CORNWELL IN ROME

THE THREE-PARTY coalition of Sig. Francesco Cossiga, which has promised to concentrate on economic issues, yesterday won its vote of confidence in Parliament, thus formally ending the country's 193-day Government crisis.

The margin in the Assembly was 45 votes (287-242), thanks to the abstention of the Socialists who hold the balance of power.

The debate preceding the vote left no doubt, however, about the lack of enthusiasm for Sig. Cossiga's Government, made up of his own Christian Democrats, the Social Democrats, and the Liberals. It is designed to last only as long as is necessary to find a more durable understanding between the parties.

The confusion of Italy's longest post-war crisis has coincided with publication of the latest trade figures. These show that for the first six

months of 1979 imports exceeded exports by 1,335bn lire (£735m) against a deficit of only £172bn in the same period last year.

For June alone, however, the out-turn was a surplus of £15bn, with exports of £5,234bn, narrowly topping imports of £5,219bn. It also compares with a deficit of £702bn in May.

Inevitably more costly oil products lie behind the overall deterioration since last year. But most strikingly, exports of clothing and textiles in the first six months rose 34 per cent to £3,375bn to cover much of the oil deficit in that period of £4,166bn.

France's clampdown last week on knitwear imports reflects the success of Italian exporters in this sector. The Italian industry has criticised the French measures as "unworthy" and a breach of Common Market free trade principle.



President Nimeiri

Nimeiri dismisses party chief

By Alan Darby in Khartoum

PRESIDENT JAAFAR NIMEIRI of Sudan has stripped his former Vice-President and army strong man, Major Abul Gasim Muhammad Ibrahim, of all political posts. The dismissal is seen as heralding major changes in the country's political framework.

Major Abul Gasim, one of the officers who helped President Nimeiri into power in May 1969, has been a staunch supporter of Sudan's only political organisation, the Sudanese Socialist Union, which was created by President Nimeiri to replace the multi-party system of the 1960s. President Nimeiri made a scathing attack on the party leader, Shihab last week.

Until yesterday Major Abul Gasim held the key post of party secretary-general. His removal from the political scene at a time of economic crisis and a report in the semi-government Press that President Nimeiri is to make important announcements in a few days, have led to intense speculation in the capital, Khartoum.

The President is expected to make radical changes in the political set-up in an attempt to demonstrate that he is doing something to solve the country's economic problems.

The departure of Major Abul Gasim also clears the way for Nimeiri to make good his promise of two years ago to let former opponents of the regime play a role in running the country.

Mr. Sadiq el-Mahdi, leader of the Umma Party, has remained largely on the sidelines since his return from exile last year but may now find a place in the Administration.

Chances recede for PLO links with Washington

BY DAVID BUCHAN IN WASHINGTON

THE CHANCES appeared to have dimmed yesterday for the establishment of links between the U.S. and the Palestine Liberation Organisation and for the involvement of Palestinians in the talks on autonomy for the West Bank of the Jordan. Separate statements by President Carter and Mr. Yasser Arafat, the PLO leader, suggested that the two sides had reached an impasse.

Mr. Carter told a group of U.S. editors at the weekend that the U.S. stood by its commitment to Israel not to treat with the PLO until it recognised Israel's right to exist as enshrined in United Nations Resolution 242. The same promise was made privately last week to Israel, which has become increasingly nervous about a possible U.S. policy switch towards the PLO.

Mr. Arafat, in an interview in the Washington Star yesterday, said the PLO wanted to open above-board relations with the U.S. "as soon as possible." He did not rule out that his organisation might come to recognise Israel. "I'm not going to put my cards on the table," he said.

But on the key issue of a separate Palestinian state which Israel has refused to countenance, the gulf between the two leaders seems nearly as wide as ever. President Carter told his interviewers that he was against the creation of such a state, which would not be good for the Palestinians or their Arab neighbours.

The U.S. has said it will veto a Kuwaiti resolution, likely to come up for a vote in the Security Council later this month, because, as presently drafted, it calls for the creation of a Palestinian state.

Mr. Arafat told the Washington Star: "Our goal and our aim is to establish our State and our right to return to our homeland." The PLO leader strongly implied that, without such a condition, he would not accept any revision of Resolution 242. Thus, U.S. efforts to engineer, through the United Nations, a formula that could bring Palestinians into discussions about their self-government on the West Bank and Gaza Strip while meeting Israel's fundamental concerns, seem to have been frustrated for the moment.

But further attempts by the U.S. to find a solution will be made when Mr. Robert Strauss, Mr. Carter's trouble-shooter on the autonomy talks, returns to the Middle East later this week. The United Nations debate on possible amendments to Resolution 242 is due to open in 10 days time.

David Lennon reports from Tel Aviv: Mr. Menachem Begin, the Israeli Prime Minister, ruled out the possibility of early elections yesterday but hinted that he might reshuffle his Cabinet. Mr. Begin called on Ministers to stop public bickering and to turn over a new page in their personal relations.

Mr. Moshe Dayan, the Foreign Minister, angered his colleagues last week when he accused the Cabinet of incompetence in domestic affairs and said the Ministers were destroying the Government within.

The Cabinet decided yesterday to send Professor Yigael Yadin, Deputy Prime Minister, to the U.S. this week. He will meet the Press and Jewish leaders in the U.S. in an attempt to win their support against what Israel sees as a pro-Arab shift in Washington policy.

Rabat take-over in W. Sahara

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

MOROCCO VIRTUALLY carried out its threat to take over the Tiris el-Gharbia, the Mauritania administered sector of Western Sahara, when King Hassan sent a Government delegation to Dakhla, the only town in the area, at the weekend before Mauritania had effected its planned withdrawal.

Mr. Driss Bassi, the Moroccan Interior Minister and leader of the delegation, refused to confirm that his presence meant a de facto or de jure takeover.

He said however that Morocco would take over the administration of the area as soon as Mauritania pulled out. When the Mauritanian Premier, Lt. Colonel Mohammed Haidalla, visited Rabat on Friday he declined to say when Mauritania would withdraw.

Journalists accompanying the delegation were left in no doubt however as to the reality of the situation, that Morocco has taken over the area and intends to hold it to prevent the Algerian-backed Polisario Front from moving in.

Under an agreement signed in Algiers with the Polisario last week Mauritania renounced all claims to the Tiris el-Gharbia and said it planned to withdraw from the area.

While Mr. Bassi, was assuring the Dakhla population Morocco would protect them against all aggression, a fierce battle was raging between Moroccan forces and Polisario guerrillas.

Moroccan officials said there were heavy casualties in the battle which lasted six hours at the tiny oasis of Bir Anzaren, 46 miles east of Dakhla in the Western Sahara controlled by Morocco. Heavily armed Polisario units are reported elsewhere in the Tiris el-Gharbia.

The Moroccan take-over of Dakhla on the coast and the rest of the Tiris el-Gharbia is facilitated by the presence of 1,500 Moroccan troops who have been stationed in Dakhla for about two years under a mutual defence pact signed by Rabat and Nouakchott.

During the delegation's visit hundreds of Moroccan soldiers, some carrying arms, walked the streets of the town while the Mauritanian army was confined to barracks. Moroccan warplanes were parked on the airfield.

Mr. Bassi said he had been sent by the King in response to appeals from the local population which staged pro-Moroccan demonstrations in the town hall last week. The delegation was greeted by local people waving Moroccan flags and portraits of King Hassan while the Moroccan flag was raised on public buildings.

S. Africa cuts bank rate in bid to revive growth

BY QUENTIN PEEL IN JOHANNESBURG

THE South Africa Reserve Bank announced at the week-end that bank rate is to be reduced by 0.5 per cent, to 7 per cent, from today.

The move is yet another attempt to revive South Africa's faltering economic recovery, which has been badly set back by the latest fuel crisis. It has been taken in advance of an expected package of monetary measures which may be announced by Dr. Bob de Jongh, Governor of the Reserve Bank, with his annual statement on August 21.

The Reserve Bank clearly hopes that this latest reduction in bank rate will precipitate cuts in the commercial banks' overdraft rates, which have remained firm in spite of several small cuts in bank rate this year.

There are nevertheless widespread fears in South African industry that the Government will not be forthright enough in its plans to give further stimulation to the economy for fear of aggravating an inflation rate already running at 13.5 per cent per annum.

Nicaragua aid discussed by U.S. and Andean pact

BY SARITA KENDALL IN QUITO

MR. CYRUS VANCE, U.S. Secretary of State, has agreed with the Andean Pact Foreign Ministers that North, Central and South American nations should work together in the reconstruction of Nicaragua's war-torn economy.

Meeting with the Andean Pact ministers in Quito after the inauguration on Friday of Ecuador's President Jaime Roldos, Mr. Vance is understood to have discussed the co-ordination of aid to Nicaragua, consultation among prospective donors and co-ordination with international lending agencies.

Sra. Violeta de Chamorro of the Nicaraguan Junta and the country's Foreign Minister also met the Secretary of State. Though both sides emphasised that the conversations were friendly, the Foreign Minister

warned that the U.S. was seen as an enemy by Nicaraguans for its support of General Somoza. Another spokesman said Nicaragua would have to go to the socialist bloc for weapons if the U.S. refused to supply them.

The Nicaraguan delegation pointed out the country's desperate need for unconditional foreign aid and support. They pointed out that the disinterested support given by President Roldos had helped enormously by increasing confidence at an international level. In his inaugural speech to the Ecuadorian people, Senor Roldos promised that the links between the two countries would be strengthened with effective action and programmes. He said later that Nicaragua could rely on Ecuador's voice and vote.

Brazil Planning Minister resigns after criticism

BY DIANA SMITH IN RIO DE JANEIRO

President Joao Figueiredo of Brazil may turn away from the academic world to the business world of Sao Paulo to find a replacement as Planning Minister for Sr. Mario Simonsen who resigned at the end of last week.

Sr. Simonsen said in his letter of resignation that he had accepted his post as a "merely transitory contribution." At a Press conference he would not be drawn on claims that mounting criticism of his handling of inflation on purely monetarist lines had goaded him into resigning.

His office is reported to have been handed over temporarily to General Golbert da Silva, head of the President's civil household, until a successor is appointed.

There are indications the President will choose one of the young, more liberal businessmen who, since last year, have been pressing for less centralised government and more equitable treatment of wage earners.

It appears that Sr. Simonsen has been upset by harsh criticism of his work made by Arena, the pro-Government party, and by growing differ-

ences of opinion with the more politically sensitive and less technocratic members of the cabinet, who have increasingly rejected his monetarist efforts to cool inflation. This now threatens to rise to 55 per cent this year.

Sr. Simonsen appears to have become isolated in his concept of the Brazilian economic model, which rested on low wages and bureaucratic centralisation.

His letter of resignation said that he felt he had completed his transitory tasks of setting out the bases for the 1980 Government budget, reforming the monetary system by withdrawing the status of monetary authority from the Bank of Brazil and vesting this status solely in the Central Bank (an event which will occur in January, 1980), reforming the overnight market (for which a clearing house will be opened in October this year) and preparing the Government's third national development plan.

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German opinion poll led by coalition

BY ROGER BOYES IN BONN

THE RULING Social Democrat-Free Democrat coalition would win by a clear 4 per cent margin if a general election were held in West Germany this month, according to a poll carried out by the Allensbach Institute.

The poll is the first to be held since Herr Franz Josef Strauss was chosen as opposition rival to Chancellor Helmut Schmidt in next year's election. It shows that the Christian Democratic Union and Christian Social Union bloc remains the strongest with 48.1 per cent support. But the Socialists received 43 per cent backing and their coalition partners received 7.2 per cent. Together the two parties would thus have a 4.1 per cent majority over the CDU-CSU.

The poll demonstrates that support for the opposition has more or less stabilised after plunging in the first half of June, apparently because of the wrangle between the two parties over who should be the official

challenger to Herr Schmidt. But backing for the CDU-CSU is still less than between February and May and well below its 1976 election showing of 48.6 per cent.

The main beneficiaries from the nomination of Herr Strauss appear to be the Social Democrats who are now 3.1 per cent ahead of their standing in a poll held in the first half of May. The FDP has lost 0.8 per cent support since May.

The Institute tends to play down the assumption that the Free Democrats would suffer at the next election because of a polarised campaign between Herr Schmidt and Herr Strauss. But the figures do indicate that fringe parties, including the Ecologists, could eat into the Free Democrats' votes.

According to the latest poll, 3.7 per cent of the 3,000-strong sample would be prepared to vote for fringe parties compared to 0.9 per cent in the 1976 elections.

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WORLD TRADE NEWS

Ericsson and Philips win new Saudi telephone deal

BY WILLIAM DUFFLOR, NORDIC EDITOR, IN STOCKHOLM

M. ERICSSON of Sweden and N.V. Philips of the Netherlands have won a new \$800m (357m) order from the Saudi Arabian Ministry of Post and Telecommunications.

It enlarges the \$1.7bn contract for the extension of the Saudi telephone system which they were awarded in January 1978, despite tough competition from U.S. consortia headed by ITT and Western Electric. It was the largest single order in the history of telecommunications industry.

The addition to the contract, amounting to 2.7bn Saudi rials, is for more switching equipment and cables, and associated civil works, according to the announcement from Ericsson.

Some of the exchanges included in the original contract are to be enlarged. That contract provided for the installation of 470,000 subscriber lines as well as the adminis-

tration and maintenance of the system for five years.

The larger part of the new order is likely to benefit the South Korean construction company Dong Ah, which has been engaged by the Philips-Ericsson group to execute the civil works.

Ericsson would not state how large its share of the new order would be but it must represent a boost of at least \$100m to its order book. The original contract brought Ericsson business worth some \$450m.

The expanded order is expected to be completed within the three-year time schedule of the original contract. Ericsson and Philips have some 8,000 men in Saudi Arabia and work on the project is reported to be ahead of schedule.

Winning the contract in 1978 was regarded as a decisive breakthrough for the European companies in the field of computer-controlled telephone

exchanges. It gave the final accolade to Ericsson's AXE stored programme control exchanges and represented the first major step outside the Netherlands for Philips' PRX computerised system.

Mitsubishi, Kuk Dong of South Korea and the Saudi company Ibrahim Al-Rashid Al-Hunaid have been awarded contracts worth 348.7m Saudi rials to build the infrastructure of a diplomatic quarter in Riyadh, the Saudi Economic Survey said.

Work will start next month and the project's first stage is due to be completed in 1983. About 80 embassies will move there from Jeddah in about five years.

The survey said the quarter would occupy 5.8m square metres and would have about 7,000 homes as well as schools, mosques, fire stations, civil defence and other facilities. Reuters

Turkey may buy Swedish nuclear power plant

ANKARA — ASEA-Atom of Sweden has opened new talks here with Turkish officials on a plan to build Turkey's first nuclear power plant at Akkuyu near the Mediterranean coast, Turkish industry sources said.

They said the negotiations, broken off several weeks ago, have now been reopened between ASEA-Atom and officials of the State-run Turkish Energy Authority.

The sources said the Turkish side was insisting on a 100 per cent guaranteed credit from the Swedish company for the full projected cost of the plant of \$500m (225m) at 1978 prices. ASEA-Atom has so far offered \$5 per cent, they added.

The sources said the Swedish side is still favoured by the Turkish Energy Authority to finance the 600-MW plant but two other companies, Impianti of Italy and Westinghouse of the U.S., were still candidates. Reuters

W. Germany now cautious of Mideast contracts

BY ROGER BOYES IN BONN

THE COLLAPSE of the \$6.9bn (33.1bn) Kraftwerk Union deal with Iran for the construction of two nuclear power stations has shaken the confidence of other West German companies that have trading interests in Middle Eastern countries.

Several German concerns (the latest is Thyssen-Hoescht Technik which is helping to build a refinery in Isfahan) have been busy reviving their contacts with the new Government to try and salvage their long-term business relationship with Tehran.

The KWU deal, formally broken off this month, had been denounced as over-priced, and "anti-social" by Iranian nuclear officials—and the same threat hangs over other German contracts.

The immediate concern, of course, is to recover outstanding payments from the Iranians. This is not, however, the main issue, as a large slice of German involvement in Iran has been guaranteed by Hermes, the Government-backed credit insurance company. Hermes is currently guaranteeing DM 8bn (3.15bn) worth of German money in Iran, including payments to the value of DM 840m which fell due this year.

Political risks
The principal question is rather: How should West German companies now evaluate the political and economic risks of Middle Eastern business?

Should German companies build a political risk component into their initial bids for long-term turnkey projects—and thus possibly price themselves out of the highly competitive Middle East market? Or should they continue to lean on the political risk insurance offered by Hermes—but with the premiums biting into margins?

The most seriously affected German sector in Iranian and Middle East trade is the construction industry. There are clear signs that contractors are re-thinking their approach to business in politically volatile areas and that they are coming up with various formulae.

Some construction companies for example are looking into the possibility of using private insurers to cover large-scale projects in the Middle East. While only Hermes can offer political risk insurance, private insurers can offer a more flexible solution to some typical Middle Eastern turnkey problems. By insuring separate stages of a project—with the cover ending when the stage is complete—premium payments can be kept within manageable limits.

The shift of focus to private insurers partly reflects frustration at the slowness at which long-mooted reforms are progressing through Hermes.

Hermes is examining the possibility of introducing a "prorated default" clause for short-term credits at present the company covers against default only in the case of insolvency. The company is also studying the idea of extending exchange rate cover to financing credits—until now Hermes has covered foreign exchange risks only for supplier credits.

However, four different Government departments—the Foreign, Economics, Finance and Development Ministries have to approve the reforms before Hermes can incorporate them. This has naturally led to delays.

A further delaying factor has been the wish to bring about a harmonisation of export credit policies through the EEC. There are many European differences—for example British covers about 33 per cent of its exports while Germany covers about 12 per cent—and this too has slowed down progress.

Rather than waiting for Hermes to extend its cover or running the commercial gauntlet with private insurance companies, many contractors have started to effect a tactical withdrawal from some Middle East markets.

For the German construction industry, a relative newcomer to the Middle East, this signals discontent with the political and financial uncertainties of long-term business in the region. After the building recession of 1974 many West German companies decided to branch out overseas—especially in oil-producing countries, which were the traditional preserve of British and U.S. concerns.

This paid off at the time: German technological quality and expertise were much in demand and the building companies could maintain their dividends despite the collapse of domestic business. Now, however, the picture is changing.

In the first place, demand for huge turnkey projects is slackening in the Middle East. In countries like Bahrain, Qatar, the UAE and Oman, public spending has reached a plateau and they seem to be content to digest the recently completed projects into their economic infrastructure. Meanwhile Egypt, Sudan and Yemen appear to want much simpler—and cheaper—structures than the Germans can economically supply.

West German construction companies can currently afford to ease up slightly on overseas trade because of a domestic surge in demand—a demand fuelled by high public works spending and more disposable income.

Bankruptcy

To companies like Philip Holzmann, it makes sense to keep the ratio between domestic and overseas trade at a rough 50-50 balance, if only to avoid the distortions which led to the recent bankruptcy of the construction company, Beton und Monier Bau. The company overstretched itself overseas and experienced serious cash flow problems after stumbling against the bureaucracies of Third World countries.

But all the signs are that the German building boom will cool off next year—thus opening up the problem again of how to cope with the vulnerability of overseas projects. Interest rates have been rising and, as the oil crisis begins to percolate through the economy, the situation is beginning to look very similar to 1974, the worst year in the history of the building industry.

SHIPPING REPORT

Activity picks up in tanker market

BY LYNTON McLAIR

ACTIVITY IN the tanker trading market picked up towards the end of last week, with U.S. oil companies dominating trading, particularly in the Gulf.

Rates for very large crude carriers trading out of the Gulf, however, almost collapsed at one point as too many vessels remained surplus to requirements.

A 270,000 deadweight ton vessel was chartered at Worldscale 42.5 for a voyage from the Gulf to the west. Attempts were made by other charterers to repeat the rate at the end of the week, but there was little optimism and every likelihood that rates would fall.

Smaller vessels, however, trading from the Middle East still gained satisfactory rates, with a 56,000 dwt vessel getting Worldscale 215 for discharge in the east.

Rates from the Mediterranean were almost stable last week and the Caribbean and U.S.

Atlantic coast trade was active. Timecharter rates were reported to have moved up in most markets. Brokers in London said that "very substantial figures" were paid for 30,000 dwt vessels.

Phillips chartered a similar-size vessel for 13 months' timecharter for delivery in September at \$13.5, a rate which would have seemed "outrageous" a few weeks ago, one London broker said.

There was also more active loading out of Britain, with more cargoes of North Sea oil bound for the U.S.

Tankers were used for carrying grain in July but to a lesser extent than in the previous month. John I. Jacobs and Co., charterers, said nine vessels, totalling 447,036 dwt were used for shipping grain.

This compared with 12 tankers totalling 408,570 dwt in June. Most shipments of grain were from the U.S. to Black Sea or Mediterranean ports.

World Economic Indicators

| | July 79 | June 79 | May 79 | July 78 | % change over previous year | Index base year 1970=100 |
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| W. Germany | 152.8 | 151.6 | 150.8 | 145.9 | + 4.7 | |
| Holland | 124.9 | 124.9 | 124.9 | 119.9 | + 4.2 | 1975=100 |
| UK | 219.6 | 215.9 | 214.2 | 197.2 | +11.4 | 1974=100 |
| U.S. | 214.6 | 214.1 | 211.5 | 195.3 | +10.9 | 1967=100 |
| France | 219.2 | 217.4 | 215.1 | 198.9 | +10.2 | 1970=100 |
| Japan | 127.0 | 125.7 | 124.0 | 123.2 | + 3.1 | 1975=100 |
| Italy | 150.4 | 148.5 | 146.1 | 131.3 | +14.5 | 1976=100 |
| Belgium | 132.0 | 131.7 | 131.4 | 127.0 | + 3.9 | 1976=100 |

More UK ties with Alberta urged

BY FRANK GRAY

THE LONDON Committee for Visible Exports is anxious to see more British financial institutions become established in Alberta, the Western Canadian province where oil development has made it the country's most prosperous region.

Mr. William Clarke, the committee's director general, said last week that this would enable British and European institutions to participate in the economic development of the province, and to give Alberta access to European money markets through London.

Mr. Clarke, also a director of Midland Bank, said the committee was currently assessing the "business potential" of Alberta following a week-long visit to the province in July.

Members of the mission, led by Lord Polworth, former governor of the Bank of Scotland, were drawn from the major clearing banks, merchant banks and brokerage houses.

During the group's stay in the province, it made separate representations to both the government and private sectors on the City's role in inter-

national banking, insurance and other services.

The committee also proposed a job exchange programme between the two financial communities. Such an exchange would allow bankers, stockbrokers, investment advisers and Government financial officers from Alberta and London to acquire a first hand knowledge of each other's financial techniques.

Underlying the committee's interest was the immense wealth from the province's petroleum industry and oil extraction plants in the Athabasca tar sands of north-central Alberta.

This had helped give Alberta the highest standard of living in the country, with per capita income at more than C\$8,000 (\$3,000) per year, and unemployment, at 4.5 per cent, about half the national average. Alberta's population is about 2m, in a land mass six times that of the UK.

Mr. Clarke said that at least 12 foreign banks had established representative offices in the province in recent years. Among these were Barclays Bank, National Westminster Bank, Banque Nationale de

Paris, the Swiss Bank Corporation, Schroders Bank and S. G. Warburg.

In addition, the Bank of Montreal, headquartered in Montreal but whose financial base is in Toronto, had announced the establishment of Western headquarters in Calgary.

"It is moves like these that give us the opinion that Alberta is fast evolving as the country's second most important banking centre, after Toronto and ahead of Montreal."

The council, in the meantime, was taking a close interest in the forthcoming debate on a revised Canadian Bank Act, which is expected to enable more foreign banks to operate as money-lending institutions in the Canadian market. The Act will be debated following the resumption of the Canadian Parliament in October.

Hotels for Angola

THREE contracts worth 120m (295m) have been signed between Sisal, a private Brazilian building and consultancy company, and the Angolan National Directorate of Tourism and Hotels, Diana Smith writes from Brasilia.

Dow plant for France

Dow Chemical Europe is to build a 5in plant to produce multi-layered plastic film at its chemical complex in Druseinheim, France. Construction work will begin later this year and should be completed by mid-1981, writes our Energy Editor.

The company said it saw plastic film as one of several specialty chemicals segments on which it was placing increasing emphasis in Europe.

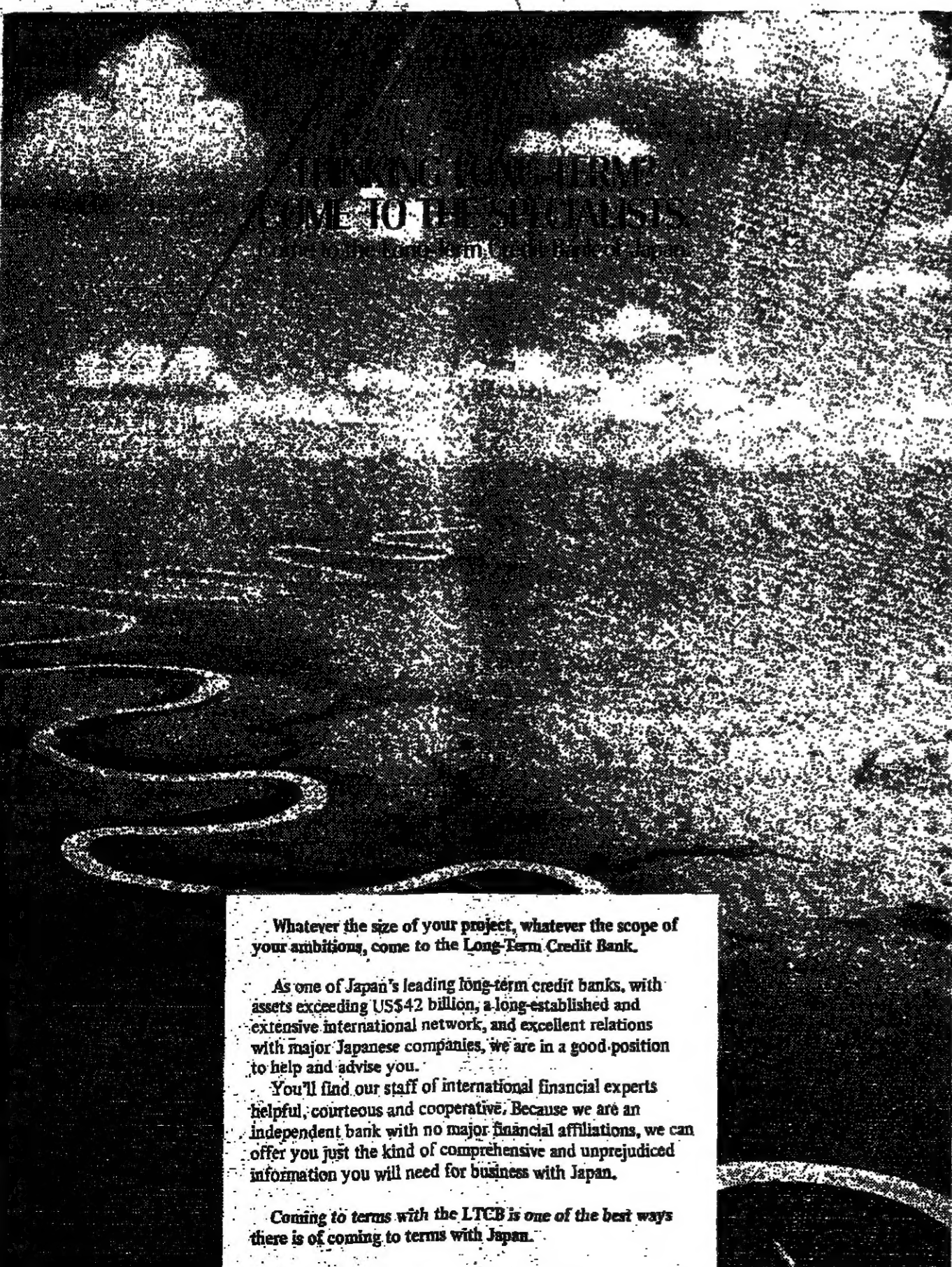
S. Africa energy deal

Weserhuette, the West German steel group, has won a DM 20m (3.15m) contract from the South African Oil and Gas company for the engineering and supply of coal liquefaction technology, Roger Boyes writes from Bonn.

The order comprises two drum reclaimers, two stackers and a conveyor plant.

\$80m Polish ship order

The Polish Steamship Company has placed an order worth some \$80m for 12 8,300 dwt bulker carriers with Ebin Industria Naval and Estaleiro So, both Brazilian companies. The ships, due to be delivered in 1981, 1982 and 1983, will transport coal and other bulk cargo to and from Poland. All machinery and much of the ships' equipment will be manufactured in Poland. Other equipment will come from Salem and Wicander, the marine equipment subsidiary of Saleninvest.



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UK NEWS

No early cure for holiday air delays

BY ARTHUR SANDLES

AIR TRAFFIC DELAYS affecting thousands of European holidaymakers this month look like being a regular feature of summer travel for the next few years.

The resort areas of the Mediterranean basin simply cannot handle the air traffic load. Although the Association of British Travel Agents has been involved in talks aimed at easing the problem on both the UK and southern Europe, the basic cause of the difficulties is a lack of sophisticated equipment on the sunshine air routes.

"It is one big bottleneck," says Mr. Roger Davies, managing director of Thomson Holidays. "Anyone who can travel mid-week ought to do so."

Northern airports have air traffic control equipment geared to year-round business traffic and have elaborate facilities capable of handling thousands of flights a day. In July and August a high proportion of these flights are destined for holiday areas—areas which in the winter have only a few flights a day and can only handle three or four an hour at peak times.

In most cases it is just a question of money—whether to instal millions of pounds worth

of radar and other facilities for ten weeks a year.

The problem is rapidly worsening the moment any country in Europe has a dispute which causes delays at its own airports. The past two or three years have seen several of these. Delays of two or three hours are frequent at peak week-ends. Some industry sources suggest that it will be at least five years before the southern air routes technically catch up with the demand.

The delays hit industrial workers, often tied into Saturday to Saturday breaks, hardest. As the blue-collar workers of Scandinavia, Germany, Holland and the UK pour into Palma each week-end, delays build up.

More than 1,000 holiday passengers were stranded at Hurn Airport, Christchurch, Dorset, yesterday because flights to Jersey were delayed by dense fog in the Channel Islands.

All Air India flights out of Heathrow have been indefinitely cancelled. Trouble has arisen over terms of a pay offer made to clerical staff, members of the TGWU, who have been "working to rule." Over 40 staff have been given notice. Air India flights are being re-routed to other European airports.

Good prospects for machine tool industry

BY JAMES McDONALD

IT IS possible to manufacture machine tools successfully in the UK, says a report by the Engineering Employers' Federation.

The report is based on research—carried out with the aid of the Institute of Manpower Studies—among a sample of 21 federated companies in the machine tool sector.

The study was prompted by a conviction that low productivity was one of the major problems facing British industry. It was designed to enable the federation to help and encourage members to improve their performance, and to assist the federation in representing the industry's social and economic problems to the Government.

A wide spread of efficiency was found among the companies taking part in the survey, with four showing "outstanding" performance. The report says that between 1973 and 1977, the average return on capital of the four best companies was 22.4 per cent, compared with 11.6 per cent for the other participants.

Profit made up 33 per cent of their value added, compared with 15 per cent on average every employee in the best companies produced 22.7 in value added per annum (in 1970 prices), over 30 per cent more than the average of other companies.

An analysis of the operating

policies of the highly successful companies showed five common characteristics: a consistent, forward-looking managerial approach; a good product and dynamic marketing strategy; attention to production planning and control, stock control, engineering and research and development; emphasis on expertise and training at all levels; a commitment to good human and industrial relations and an appropriate payment system.

A Pilot Study of Performance and Productivity in the UK Engineering Employers' Federation, Broadway House, Tothill Street, London SW1. 22 EEF members, 25 non-members.

UK to exhibit in Peking

CHINA has agreed to an all-British medical exhibition being held in Peking from March 12-22, 1980.

It will be organised by the British Overseas Trade Board, in conjunction with the British Health-Care Export Council and the Sino-British Trade Council.

As well as the exhibition, there will be a technical seminar with papers presented by British specialists.

Report backs nuclear growth

BY JOHN LLOYD

OVER THE past year, the electricity industry has dealt with two increasingly contentious issues.

They are the industry's use of nuclear power—now the sharpest arrow in the environmentalists' quiver—and the use of coal, whether domestic or foreign. This argument, while technically much simpler, is largely confined to bureaucratic jousting between great state corporations, for which the audience is more select.

The publication last week on the Electricity Council's medium-term development plan, covering the years from 1979-86, casts some illumination on these fractious topics.

Nuclear opponents will find nothing in the report to allay their fears. The council believes that the growth of nuclear power is wholly essential, for these reasons:

● It is cheaper: "On the best estimate of plant capital cost and future fuel prices that can currently be made, nuclear generation is the most economic plant for development."

● Natural oil and gas, while

plentiful in the UK now, are finite resources: oil, of much more importance to the industry than gas as a fuel, will at least double its real price by the end of the century. "A central task under the Government's energy policy... is that of developing nuclear power against the time when gas and oil supplies will be declining."

● Coal prices will rise roughly in line with oil prices, coal will become increasingly scarce as alternative uses (oil liquefaction, gasification) become commercially viable, while alternative energy sources are thought to have little to offer in this century.

Thus—subject to environmental constraints—the council appears to be planning on a future in which new nuclear stations will not merely cater for electricity growth (forecast to be about 2 per cent a year in the plan period) but will increase their proportion of the total fuel mix at the expense of oil and, more controversially, coal.

This is not said in so many words, but is clear by omission.

The report talks about new plant in the context of nuclear power. The following paragraph is a clear statement of preference:

"Plant ordering in the period 1982 and 1985 will be influenced by the costs, once they become known, of the (nuclear) stations mentioned above, the CEGB success in obtaining site consents and the development of the UK nuclear manufacturing industry. On current forecasts, which are very tentative, ordering during this period could amount to about 2 GW per annum."

Options are being kept open on plant types and fuel choice for orders from 1982 onwards and should nuclear programmes be delayed, contingency plans have been made to build alternative plant or to retain existing coal-fired plant in service."

By contrast, the following section talks cautiously of plans for "refurbishing" existing coal-fired plant.

While delicately informing the coal industry that its sales of coal to power stations are likely to decline in future

years the plan slaps the NCB's wrists for setting its prices too high.

While it accepts that coal/oil prices rise as one, the plan says that this acceptance "leaves aside the question of the extent to which the increases in the costs of producing and transporting coal would warrant similarly large increases."

The report reflects the tensions which have existed within the energy industries over recent years. Some of these tensions now appear resolvable, if not by sweet reason then by the pressure of events.

An aggressive nuclear programme may be constrained, the coal industry may be forced to accept imports and the Government may relieve the NCB of some social costs.

But as the anti-nuclear film China Syndrome opens in the UK, to critical acclaim and as the anti-nuclear growth camp strengthens it is clear that the electricity industry's fight is with a body even more powerful than the Coal Board—public opinion.

Research training inquiry

By Elaine Williams

THE Advisory Board for the Research Councils has set up a working party to study post-graduate training.

The working party will be chaired by Professor Sir Peter Swinnerton-Dyer, Master of St. Catherine's College, Cambridge.

It will consider how a shortage of students would affect manpower policies; whether present arrangements give students appropriate training and whether students are of the right quality and background; whether there are too many post-graduates in certain fields; and how research councils can ensure that there will be enough students to make a valid contribution to research.

Last year the Agricultural, Medical, Natural Environmental, Science and Social Science councils made 6,810 studentship and bursary awards.

£20m contract to develop mine in Strathclyde

By John Lloyd

THE National Coal Board has awarded a £20m contract to Murphy Brothers, a leading open-cast mining contractor.

The contract is for the winning of an estimated 1.75m tonnes of steam coal from the NCB's Headless Cross site in Strathclyde.

Work on the site is expected to begin this month, and to be completed in 1987. About 60 jobs will be created locally.

The coal will be taken from four seams, three of which lie one above the other. Much of the overburden will be removed by the Bucyrus-Erie 1260W walking dragline, one of the largest in Britain.

The site will be restored partly for grazing and partly for forestry. It is honeycombed with old coal workings. Restoration plans include measures to improve drainage.

Council facing boat people row

A POLITICAL row is brewing in Inverclyde, where the district council became Scotland's first local authority to offer houses to the Vietnamese boat people.

Mr. Alex Maclean, of Strathclyde Regional Council, has claimed that the Liberal-controlled district has allocated the boat people four five-apartment houses which were needed by local families.

Boots launches credit card and personal loan facilities

BY DAVID CHURCHILL, CONSUMER AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

THE BOOTS chemists group has become the latest High Street retailer to provide shoppers with credit cards and other credit facilities.

Boots is launching both an in-store credit card and a personal loan scheme for dealer purchases. Both schemes will be operated by the National Westminster Bank, using similar systems to those developed for the Access credit card.

The group says that its credit facilities will be available to customers who do not have a bank account or bank credit card.

The schemes are being launched initially in 34 large branches but from September

3, the cards will be available in all 1,130 branches and 143 Timothy Whites stores.

The in-store card will operate along the usual lines. Customers will pay a fixed monthly sum of between £5 and £20, and their credit limit will be 24 times that amount. The interest rate charged on outstanding balances will be 1.55 per cent a month.

Interest on the Boots personal loan scheme will be 12 per cent a year. It will apply only to purchases of over £65 from large stores.

Boots, like most other High Street retailers, has decided that providing credit facilities is a useful means of ensuring customer loyalty and compensating for any short-term fall in consumer spending.

Most large supermarkets, except J. Sainsbury, now offer their own credit cards. Tesco, which launched its card last month, reports that initial customer acceptance has been much higher than forecast.

Other store groups, such as F. W. Woolworth, the Co-operative stores, and Marks and Spencer have already launched schemes or are in the process of doing so.

Marks and Spencer says that its credit card scheme will be available through all its 252 UK stores by the end of the year. Its credit facilities are operated by Citibank Trust and the Bank of Scotland.

Borg-Warner develops drive for small cars

BY KENNETH GOODING, MOTOR INDUSTRY CORRESPONDENT

BORG-WARNER'S UK subsidiary claims it has had "spectacular test results" with a continuously variable transmission (CVT) it has been developing with Van Doorne of Holland and Fiat of Italy.

Many people in the motor industry believe that CVT systems will be used in a majority of the small, front-wheel-drive cars in Europe and the U.S. by the end of the 1980s.

Borg-Warner and Fiat bought a stake in Van Doorne last December. The project also has Dutch Government backing.

Mr. Derek Gardner, Borg-Warner's director of engineering and research, said cars fitted with the CVTs were comparable in fuel economy with manual gearbox versions. Under certain conditions, they were proving to be even more economical.

"We at Borg-Warner are

well aware of the reputation of automatic transmissions from the economy point of view and, while this is often exaggerated, we are nevertheless determined to eliminate this disadvantage once and for all," he said.

The company is also developing a four-speed automatic transmission for engines of two litres or more at its Letchworth, Herts, headquarters. This will suit light commercial vehicles as well as cars.

Borg-Warner maintains that this transmission, called Model 85, is showing a reduction of up to 25 per cent in fuel consumption compared with existing automatic transmissions.

"With Model 85 we are looking for all the benefits of an automatic transmission without any performance or fuel penalty," Mr. Gardner said.

Energy Department seeks oil production experts

THE Energy Department is seeking to lure oil production experts away from the North Sea companies to take over the advisory role removed from the British National Oil Corporation by the Government.

The department's petroleum engineering section is to launch a recruiting drive for 35 experts in all areas of oil development, who will be paid "comparable rates" with outside industry.

Mr. David Howell, Energy Secretary, has now Cabinet

approval for the new posts, the pay for which will be between £9,200 and £13,600.

The department won good contacts and co-operation with the oil industry while BNOOC fulfilled its "statutory advisory role" on North Sea development.

Now that role has been removed, the petroleum engineering section is to expand contacts with the industry in a bid to iron out problems in the development of the UK's Continental Shelf resources.

Whitehall saves on transport

Financial Times Reporter

THE CIVIL SERVICE saved over £400,000 last year by buying fewer and smaller vehicles, plans for improved vehicle management and maintenance are expected to save £800,000 a year.

Details of measures aimed at cutting the cost of the Government's 23,000 car, lorry and van fleet, are contained in an article by Mr. Ron Williams of the Civil Service Department's Management Services Division, in the latest issue of the department's Journal, Management Services in Government. A transport economy unit was set up in the Treasury in 1958 and later transferred to the Civil Service Department.

Mr. Williams estimates the unit's work has led to savings of £15m since 1958—excluding the continuing benefits of negotiated lower national freight charges and the reduced operating costs of smaller vehicles.

Recent work by the unit, concentrating on improving vehicle management, including the introduction in one instance of computerised records, is expected to bring savings of about £800,000 a year.

By buying smaller vehicles for both self-drive cars and the chauffeur-driven Government Car Service—used by Ministers and by limiting the number of vehicles the Civil Service saved £408,000 in the year ended March 31.

Mr. Williams suggests transport needs may be reduced in the longer term because of the increasing application of new technology.

ITV blackout will last three days at least

BY GARETH GRIFFITHS, LABOUR STAFF

THE BLACKOUT at Independent Television is likely to last at least until Wednesday, company executives said yesterday.

The blackout, which has lasted since Friday is due to a national strike by members of the Association of Cinematograph, Television and Allied Technicians. The only television company to maintain a service has been Channel Television.

Both sides in the dispute will meet on Tuesday with the Advisory Conciliation and Arbitration Service. Mr. Andy Kerr, chief conciliation officer, will see the Independent Television Companies Association and the three unions at a joint meeting.

The Electrical and Plumbing Trades Union and the National Association of Theatrical, Tele-

vision and Kine Employees are involved in the talks, as well as the ACTU. NATEU is understood to have called a meeting of shop stewards today to discuss the position.

The outlook at the weekend for a speedy settlement was unpromising. Mr. Ron Carrington, labour relations adviser to the ITCA, said the companies did not intend to increase their present 15 per cent offer. The unions want on average a 25 per cent increase.

Channel TV plan to broadcast every evening from 6 pm. Mr. Brian Turner, Channel TV operations manager, said the company had a separate agreement with the ACTU. It would use films to fill in and would produce a local news programme.

Employers stay firm on engineers' pay

BY OUR LABOUR CORRESPONDENT

ENGINEERING employers said yesterday that today's national one-day strike would not change their pay offer to the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions.

Mr. Anthony Frodsham, Director General of the Engineering Employers' Federation, said employers could not afford the unions' claim.

The industry was finding it difficult even to maintain present levels of employment. Exports were down by 4 per cent in the first six months of 1979 on the previous half year, and imports were up by 18 per cent.

The federation expects to get a more representative view of the engineering workers' mood today than last week's one-day strike. More companies are back from holidays. A stronger response in the west of Scotland, where many workers were on

holiday last Monday, is also expected.

BL's pressed-steel body plant at Cowley will also be affected. Workers who last week refused to go on strike now plan to take part in the stoppage.

The unions expect up to 2m workers to take part in the stoppage. Mr. Alex Ferry, general secretary of the confederation, said yesterday that the unions would step up the dispute if progress was not made after the strike. Mr. Terry Duffy, president of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering orkers, said if long all-out strikes or selected local stoppages could not be ruled out.

The unions are demanding a 250 minimum weekly craft rate. They have been offered £70 a week. The confederation has imposed a national overtime ban since the beginning of August.

Union funds law brings accounting problems

THE LAW allowing trade union branches to report independently on their funds to the Certification Officer is causing problems in the auditing of union accounts, the Consultative Committee of Accountancy Bodies said today.

The committee has drawn up a guide outlining the accounting and auditing requirements of the 1974 Trade Union and Labour Relations Act. Representatives of the TUC and the Certification Office helped in its preparation. Further guidelines on auditing trade unions are being prepared by the Auditing Practices Committee.

Today's statement by the consultative committee says the

1974 Act means a trade union can have several accounts. The statement also looks at union branch funds that are not included in the annual return to the Certification Officer and controls over the accounting records, cash holdings, receipts and remittances required by law.

By law, sums of over £5,000 must be professionally audited. Accountants have been worried by widespread failure to report branch funds which has meant only qualified national audits in many cases. Mr. John Edwards, the Certification Officer, said in his annual report in May that the extent of union non-compliance with the Act may "well be substantial."

Civil servants attack Ministry 'complacency'

THE TWO main Civil Service unions representing staff in the Department of Health and Social Security have accused the Government of complacency over delays in child benefit payments.

In a joint statement today, the Society of Civil and Public Servants, and the Civil and Public Services Association say the Department underestimated the work involved in the changes in the child benefit payments system. The unions say Government statements, blaming delays on previous industrial action

and a current overtime ban, were misleading the public.

Both unions have increased overtime hours since June at the child benefit computer centre at Washington in Tyne and Wear in protest against staff cuts. The centre is due to lose another 50 posts as part of the 3 per cent Civil Service staff cuts.

The delay in issuing child benefit books from Washington has been criticised by the Child Poverty Action Group and Family Service Units, who want the Department to look into the way the scheme is being run.

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MENACE, MYTH OR MAGIC FORMULA?

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The troubled celebrations in Northern Ireland

BY STEWART DALBY IN BELFAST

THE MARCH called by the Provisional Sinn Féin, the political arm of the republican IRA, in West Belfast yesterday came in the middle of a week of anniversaries which saw street violence re-emerge in Northern Ireland.

An estimated crowd of 5,000 marched up Falls Road to Casement Park. The Provisional Sinn Féin organised speeches and said that representatives of the PLO and other revolutionary groups attended the gathering.

Bodies of soldiers were in attendance, though out of sight, as the marchers chanted "Brits Out" and "Up the IRA." Some youths threw rocks at the Andersons Town police station. The week has seen the eighth anniversary of internment without trial and the 29th birthday of the siege of Londonderry when Protestant apprentices held the town against Roman

Catholic forces. Tomorrow is the anniversary of the introduction of troops into the province.

Sporadic outbreaks of destruction occurred in Belfast. Cars were stolen, occasionally hijacked and set on fire. Army patrols were fired upon by snipers in the mostly Roman Catholic areas of West Belfast. Part of the M1 from Belfast to Dublin was closed intermittently because cars were being stoned.

Hijacking

The 15,000-strong Londonderry apprentice boys' march went peacefully but was followed, however, by a mob of 400 hijacking a bread van near the Roman Catholic Bogside area and setting fire to it. Seven soldiers were injured as they fired to stop the hijacking, one seriously.

In Londonderry where the apartheid between Protestants and Roman Catholics in housing is particularly pronounced, Republican groups set up barriers around Bogside similar to 10 years ago. The whitewash sign "You are now entering free Derry" is still there, although faded. Temporary barriers were taken down after three days.

As background to the street activities was the normal pattern of everyday violence which the province has become used to. There were a couple of bombings and one man mistaken for an Ulster Defence Regiment member was murdered on Friday night.

It would probably be a mistake to see the demonstrations, hijackings and stonings as a return to the rampant and uncontrolled streets wars of the late 1960s and early 1970s, with no gangs, barriers, indiscriminate bombings and shootings

on both sides. The demonstrators were out in their hundreds rather than thousands (excepting the demonstration yesterday and the apprentice boys' march). The violence was sporadic and localised, often closer to hooliganism than organised political activity.

Transformed

Not everyone is happy with direct rule and British troops as a means of running Northern Ireland. Enough people prepared to respond to Republican calls for demonstrations proves there is dissatisfaction.

But it is not street warfare which is now crippling the Province, economically and politically.

In the past 18 months the nature of the struggle has

changed. The Protestant paramilitary groups are largely if not entirely quiescent. The Republican paramilitary groups have transformed themselves from clumsy street armies with sprawling structures to more sophisticated guerrilla groups.

The newest group to emerge is the Lethal Irish National Liberation Army, thought to derive from the Irish Republican Socialist Party which itself stemmed from the official IRA. Police believe it has no more than 50 active members and links with other guerrilla groups in the Middle East and Europe.

INLA claimed responsibility for the murder of Mr. Airey Neave at Westminster last March. The group has been banned since June.

Last weekend a 23-year-old Portadown man was charged with being a member of INLA, with two murders and a suspected murder. One murder was

said to have been done through a car bomb similar to the one which killed Mr. Neave. The charges coincided with the arrival of Scotland Yard detectives in Belfast over the weekend to question men being detained for crimes committed in London.

Reorganised

The much larger Provisional IRA has also reorganised itself, constituting now mainly of four main active service units and a streamlined command structure. This has meant a considerable improvement of Provisional security.

Technical Page

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DATA PROCESSING

Librarians' aid

DERBYSHIRE County Council's computerised library control system, the most comprehensive of its kind in Europe and possibly in the world, has got off to a trouble-free start after two years' preparation. Chesterfield Senior and Junior, and Tuxton libraries are the first three of eight in the county to be brought into the scheme's first phase; the second phase will bring the total to over 60.

Catering for all aspects of library management outside full cataloguing, the equipment accepts reservations, schedules, and executes them, finally from local and only if necessary from county-wide stocks, book transport between branches thus being minimised.

Fines are computed and facilities exist for them to be handled on a credit basis; records are currently maintained for 500,000 volumes and 200,000 book borrowers, figures which will rise steeply as the scheme is expanded.

Central processor is an Interactive Prime 300 system with 160 Megabytes of disc store. Software was designed, specified and implemented entirely in Fortran by Doric Computer Systems of Watford. Overall contractor for the scheme was Automated Library Systems of Welwyn.

When the later stages of the system are brought in, they will continue to operate using virtually the same software, despite the large increase in scale involved.

Doric Computer Systems, 25, Woodford Road, Watford, Herts. WD1 1PP. Tel.: (0247) 48788. Automated Library Systems, Vector House, Welwyn Garden City, Herts. AL7 7AN. 07073 28944.

Fast pile calculations

INTENDED to cut the time and costs involved in the analysis of foundation walls, piles and pile groups, subject to lateral loads, the program has been added to Bureau Services for civil engineers provided by London United Computing Systems.

LAWPILE—Lateral Analysis of Walls and Piles—has been developed by Dr. L. A. Wood of Queen Mary College, London, in the specific request of users of his RAFTS soil structure interaction program, introduced by United Computing 18 months ago.

The need expressed by engineers, which led to the development of LAWPILE, was for a program which would allow advanced analyses to be carried out on a variety of foundation systems, simply and cheaply. By extending the methods used in RAFTS, Dr. Wood has devised a system which models structures by linear finite elements—the soil by boundary elements—and gives the accuracy of large finite element models for a fraction of the cost.

Facilities available will analyse single piles and pile groups as well as diaphragm walls, sheet pile walls and propped cantilevers. Factors such as the elastoplastic nature of soils, non-linear structural effects and the position of the water table are all taken into account automatically, while features like the ability to vary soil properties in plan and with depth, and the availability of the Winkler spring model are also incorporated.

UCSL, 56 Leonard Street, London EC2A 4AN.

Reads data rapidly

AN ADVANCED hand unit for handheld, automatic reading of data most commonly found in general data installations has been introduced by Plessey Communications and Data Systems.

Designated OCR Series 2800, the new unit is an important addition to the company's range of equipment, specifically developed for the data-capture market. The Plessey range is now able to offer users the choice of bar code or optical character recognition, depending on requirements. Series 2800 is compatible with the full Plessey range of data capture equipment.

ELECTRONICS

National showroom

WHAT MIGHT be described as a permanent electronics showroom—for the industry is to be opened at the World Trade Centre in London on September 25.

Originally mooted in the Spring of this year, the idea of a "one-stop" electronics display centre has now been expanded to include most forms of electronic equipment, has been backed with money from Finance for Industry and is receiving the active support of the Department of Industry.

Visitors to the Centre will be able to see a wide range of equipment with the emphasis on microprocessor based instruments and control.

Apart from the permanent display, which will be manned by technologically-informed permanent staff, the Centre will also stage a mini-exhibition

Heat data package

A SMALL packaged circuit from Burr-Brown International, measuring 4.6 by 3.0 by 0.375 inches, contains all the circuits needed to digitise the outputs of up to 16 thermocouples so that the information may be processed by a computer.

Known as the SDM 858, the package has an integral instrumentation amplifier with a gain that can be set between 100 and 2,000, allowing it to be connected to couples with operating ranges extending from minus hundreds to plus thousands of degree C and temperature co-

HORTICULTURE

Greenhouse watered

A MEANS of ensuring that only the required amount of water or water/nutrient solution is fed to plants in greenhouses and nurseries is offered by Fenlow Electronics, Church Street, Marcham, Oxfordshire OX13 6NP (0865 391788).

The equipment consists of a microcomputer, gold plated moisture measuring probes and a solenoid valve connected to the irrigation supply.

During a two-hour cycle the processor measures and averages the readings from the separate probes and stores the values. During the irrigation cycle water is allowed to flow

MAINTENANCE

No need to go down the drain

KEEPING THE UK's sewerage systems in good running order is becoming increasingly difficult. Because so many sewers are very old (some have been in use for over 100 years) they are dangerous and extremely unpleasant to work in. Substances which were never envisaged when the sewers were first laid now pass into them, adding greatly to the task of maintenance.

Machines for carrying out much of the difficult maintenance work from the surface have been developed in parallel with the growth of the problem and one of the leading suppliers of this equipment, which is usually mounted on a road vehicle, is planning a major expansion of its activities in the UK.

A machine now to be offered more widely, the Vector 810 Jet Rodder, employs a vacuum

system capable of lifting liquids and solids from depths of 50 ft or more. It also uses a powerful water jet operating at 2,000 lbs per sq in pressure.

Machines of this type have hitherto been made available for hire by Industrial and Municipal Pollution (IMP) of 14, South Street, Torrington, Devon, EX38 8AP (08052 2539), but they are now to be sold as well.

The first sale has just been made to the North West Water Authority.

The equipment's usage need not be confined to sewers. It can be used to clear pipe systems on industrial estates, for instance, while one of its more recent applications was in the clearing of the Swanage, Dorset, storm water outfall for Purbeck District Council.

This outfall (34 inches deep, 28 inches wide and 41 metres long) was filled solid with sand and gravel. It took a Jet Rodder with two operators four days to clear at a cost of about £1,200 compared with a gang of men working for six weeks at a cost of over £3,500.

IMP is now considering wider applications for its machines and it has already devised a method for the cleaning, drying and coating of the interiors of drains and sewers with an epoxy resin in one operation carried out from the surface.

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COMMUNICATIONS

Low cost radio training

BEFORE THEY take to the air it is essential for the growing number of private flyers to be able to use airborne radio telephone equipment without confusion, particularly if an emergency should arise.

Complicated simulators can be costly, while simple intercom units modified to give the effect of air-ground communication are frequently inadequate.

Kearns Barker Associates of Rutherford Road, Basingstoke, Hants (0256 52911) offers a solution to the problem with its RT Simulator, a student unit and a cable-connected instructor's set that are placed in

separate rooms. Both units contain four-digit frequency select switches suitable from 100.0 to 199.9 MHz and although no radio frequencies are generated, student and instructor cannot communicate unless both have selected the same channel or the instructor has pressed his over-ride switch. The instructor's unit has, in addition, a digital display which shows what has been selected by the student.

Apart from private flying tuition, the system is expected to be useful to the emergency services and perhaps the armed services.

Fibre joined by fusing

EQUIPMENT developed at the Philips Research Laboratories in Eindhoven and reported in the latest edition of the company's Technical Review fuses the ends of optical fibres and works in a way described as "rather like soldering wires together."

Basic components of the system are a V-groove and fibre handling system (three axis motion), electric arc discharge arrangements to provide the heat, and a halogen lamp optical projection system that throws a 60 times magnification

of the fibre ends on to a screen in two mutually perpendicular views.

After lining the ends up on the screen using micro-manipulator controls, an initial arc discharge burns off any plastic coating and a second application produces a joint which is smooth providing that the heating time has been properly chosen for the particular fibre—between five and 15 seconds.

The machine, still experimental, makes joints in which the optical loss can be kept below an average of 0.06 dB and does not exceed 0.15 dB.

IN THE OFFICE

Gives copy a good image

HIGH QUALITY images result from a plain paper copier because of an indirect electrostatic reproduction method with a magnetic brush process in the final stages, announces Agfa-Gevaert, Brent House, 950 Great West Road, Brentford, Middx. (01-860 2072).

Two paper cassettes are supplied with the GevaFax X-31: standard cassette is for A4 plain copying paper but can also take 8 by 10 inch sheets, the minimum copying size, and a total of 1,000 sheets can be loaded giving an unusually long running time before replenishment is necessary; the other cassette, the Universal, takes any size

from the minimum up to A3, with a capacity of 500 sheets of the largest size.

The appropriate cassette is selected on a visual display at the rear of the copying platen and where an original single sheet of paper is being copied it can be fed directly into the automatic feeder without the need to raise the platen cover.

After the desired number of copies is completed the original is ejected into the receiving tray—and no more originals can be left in the copier for retrieval by the next user.

Another plain copier with micro processor controls and strip optics is available from A.

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HAND TOOLS

Saws small trees

IDEAL for felling small trees, lopping branches and cutting firewood—also for coarse wood-working jobs, such as fencing and roofing—is a lightweight chain saw from Sweden, introduced to the UK market by C. D. Monninger, Overbury Road, London, N15 (01-800 5435).

Major feature of this DIY tool is operator safety—incorporated is a very advanced, inertia-type, automatic chain braking system which stops the saw in less than one-nineteenth of a second should the chain bind and kick back.

With 15,000 transistors built into a tiny chip, the electronics process the paper through the copier and provide information to the user through the LED display. One setting on the digital keyboard will register one to 99 copies on the LED display which counts down.

E. Dick Company of Great Britain, 88 High Street, Brentford, Middx. (01-868 8899).

Strip optics of the 980 is said to be designed to give the finest quality copies, and a self-contained microcomputer brain runs the copier with only a fraction of the moving parts other copiers need, claims the company.

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CONTRACTS AND TENDERS

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Call for tenders

for computer software products for the New Vienna General Hospital (University-Clinic).

Anschreibende Stelle:
Allgemeines Krankenhaus Wien,
Planungs- und Errichtungs-
Abteilung (AKPE)
Lazarettgasse 20, 1080 Wien, Tel.: 43 89 51, Telex: 136153

Birde
Arbeitsgemeinschaft der Republik Österreich
und der Stadt Wien für den Neubau des
Wiener Allgemeinen Krankenhauses (Universitätsklinik)

Scope of tender:
The tender has to include an already existing software product for the fields of patients, operation, pharmacy and goods administration, which is to be used on the one hand with the existing computer IBM/370-158 as the central processing unit and which is adaptable to the special requirements of the New Vienna General Hospital (AKH) on the other hand. Any necessary special peripheral hardware (e.g. TV-screens, printers) as well as processing software should be included in the offer.

Die Angebote sind in deutscher Sprache abzugeben.

Angebotsabgabe:
Die Angebote sind bis Dienstag, 25. September 1979, 8.45 Uhr, in verschlossenen Umschlägen mit der Aufschrift „Angebot über Softwareprodukte Informationssystem AKH, der Firma“ abzugeben.

Öffentliche Angebotsöffnung:
Dienstag, 25. September 1979, 9.00 Uhr, Sitzungszimmer, AKPE, Wien.

Zuschlagsfrist:
12 Wochen.

Die Ausschreibungsunterlagen sind ab Montag, 13. August 1979 gegen Einzahlung von 65.000,- bei der AKPE, 1080 Wien, Lazarettgasse 20, Erdgeschoss, Zimmer E 05, werktags (außer Samstag) von 9.00 bis 12.00 Uhr erhältlich. In dieser Zeit kann bei der Arbeitsgemeinschaft Betriebsorganisation, 1160 Wien, Neulandfelder Straße 12, Dr. Böhm, Telefon: 43 59 94 nach telefonischer Anmeldung in Unterlagen und Pläne Einsicht genommen werden.

Angebote von Firmen können nur dann berücksichtigt werden, wenn die Bieter alle in Österreich notwendigen Berechtigungen und nachweisbar den nötigen Betriebsumfang und die entsprechende Erfahrung besitzen.

*) Die Ausschreibungsunterlagen werden jedoch Interessenten aus dem Ausland auch gegen vorherige Einzahlung von 65.000,- auf das Konto bei der Zentralsparkasse der Gemeinde Wien 696-025-303 unverzüglich nach Einlangen des vorerwähnten Betrages zugesandt.

CALL FOR TENDERS

FOR SUPPLYING DAIRY EQUIPMENT

Vojvodjanska Banka, Novi Sad, Yugoslavia, has received a loan from the World Bank in various currencies equivalent to US\$76m towards the cost of Agricultural Credit II Project, Yugoslavia, and intends to apply the proceeds of this loan to eligible payments under the contract for which this invitation to bid is issued. Payments by the World Bank will be made only at the request of Vojvodjanska Banka and upon approval by the World Bank in accordance with terms and conditions of the loan agreement and will be subject in all respects to the terms and conditions of that agreement. Except as the World Bank may specifically otherwise agree, no party other than Vojvodjanska Banka shall derive any rights from the loan agreement or have any claim to loan proceeds. Therefore Zamek, Export-Import, Zagreb, Yugoslavia, by authorisation of the Dairy Zadar, YU-57000 Zadar—the employer, calls for tender to supply and to install the dairy equipment. Included are: one complete line for production of pasteurised milk, complete line for butter production, production of Yoghurt and other various

BUSINESSMAN'S DIARY

UK TRADE FAIRS AND EXHIBITIONS

| Date | Title | Venue |
|-----------------|---|-------------------------------|
| Aug. 17-19 | Custom Car Show (0833 4371) | Bristol Exbn. Centre |
| Aug. 19-23 | International Craft and Hobby Fair (04252 72711) | Wembley Conference Centre |
| Aug. 21-23 | Education and Communication Technology Exhibition (01-722 4139) | Holland Park School |
| Aug. 25-Sept. 1 | International Motor Cycle Show (01-741 2156) | Earls Court |
| Sept. 2-6 | Giftware and Fashion Accessories Trade Fair (Tunbridge Wells 36681) | Bristol Exbn. Centre |
| Sept. 3-7 | International Music Publishing and Recording Industry Show—INTERPOP (01-488 0059) | Connaught Rooms, London |
| Sept. 3-7 | Offshore Europe Exhibition and Conference (01-549 5831) | Aberdeen |
| Sept. 4-8 | Point-of-Sale Exhibition (01-340 3291) | West Centre Hotel, London |
| Sept. 4-7 | International Carpet Fair (021-705 6707) | Harrogate |
| Sept. 4-7 | International Implant Printing Show—REPRO. WORKSHOP (01-847 1001) | Wembley Conference Centre |
| Sept. 11-13 | Electronics Show (0833 4371) | Bristol Exhibition Centre |
| Sept. 16-19 | MAB '79—International Menswear Fair (01-839 5041) | Earls Court |
| Sept. 17-20 | Filtech '79—2nd World Filtration Exhibition (01-326 0811) | Olympia |
| Sept. 18-21 | Firetech '79 International Fire Protection and Control Exhibition (01-327 2400) | Brighton Exbn. Centre |
| Sept. 24-28 | Weightech '79 (01-458 5741) | Metropole Ex. Centre Brighton |
| Sept. 24-28 | International Welding and Metal Fabrication Exhbn. (021-705 6707) | Metropole Ex. Centre Brighton |

OVERSEAS TRADE FAIRS AND EXHIBITIONS

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| Current | Austrian Timber Fair (01-584 6938) (until Aug. 19) | Klagenfurt |
| Aug. 13-16 | National Hardware Show | Chicago |
| Aug. 17-26 | International Trade Fair (01-458 1951) | Malmö |
| Aug. 20-Sept. 20 | International Fair | Izmir |
| Aug. 20-24 | International Packaging and Food Processing Exhibition—PAKPROCESS (01-458 1951) | Johannesburg |
| Aug. 24-Sept. 2 | International Radio and TV Exbn. (01-540 1101) | Berlin |
| Aug. 25-27 | Zuspa: International Shoe Samples Fair | Frankfurt |
| Aug. 28-29 | International Fair (01-734 0543) | Johannesburg |
| Aug. 28-29 | International Fair (01-734 0543) | Frankfurt |
| Aug. 27-30 | Pharmaceutical and Chemist Supplies Exhibition (01-458 1951) | Utrecht |
| Aug. 28-31 | Electrical and Electronics Components Exhibition | Gothenburg |
| Aug. 29-Sept. 12 | Timber and Woodworking Industry Exhibition | Moscow |
| Aug. 31-Sept. 9 | International Fair of Consumer Goods (01-874 6034) | Stockholm |
| Sept. 2-9 | International Autumn Fair (01-483 3111) | Leipzig |
| Sept. 3-10 | International Trade Fair | Plovdiv |
| Sept. 6-21 | International Fair of Algiers | Algiers |
| Sept. 8-11 | Technical Trade Expo (01-242 4784) | Cairo |
| Sept. 8-11 | International Leather Week (01-439 3964) | Paris |
| Sept. 8-16 | International Autumn Fair (01-554 6938) | Vienna |
| Sept. 8-23 | International Fair | Ghent |
| Sept. 12-20 | International Engineering Fair (01-278 0281) | Bruno |
| Sept. 13-18 | International DIY Trade Fair (01-236 0911) | Essen |
| Sept. 14-23 | International Autumn Fair (01-458 1951) | Zagreb |
| Sept. 16-19 | LIGAM—Furniture Trade Fair | Berne |
| Sept. 16-19 | Clothing Fair | Brussels |

BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT CONFERENCES

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| Current | Compucon: Basic Trainee Programming Course (Cannock 2511) (until Aug. 17) | Cannock, Staffs. |
| Aug. 16-17 | Brunei Management Programme: Personal Effectiveness Development Workshop (0835 56461) | Brunei University |
| Aug. 27-Sept. 2 | Orb Foundation: Trade and Technology in Orbit (01-336 4688) | Wembley Conference Centre |
| Sept. 3-7 | Brunei Management Prog.: Production Management and Human Behaviour (Uxbridge 56461) | Brunei University |
| Sept. 6-7 | MSS: Management Skills for Women (Lincoln 33529) | Lincoln |
| Sept. 10-12 | EMS: The Japanese Approach to Product Quality Management (High Wycombe 33171) | Institute of Directors, Pall Mall |
| Sept. 11-12 | Freight Information Services: Practical Marketing for Road Hauliers (Southport 35515) | Southport |
| Sept. 11-12 | ASUAG: International Chronometry Congress (01-357 0116) | Geneva |
| Sept. 12-13 | Financial Times: Korea in the 1980s (01-236 4382) | Seoul |
| Sept. 12-15 | International Newspaper Promotion Association: 8th European Conference | Munich |
| Sept. 13-14 | Society of Chemical Industry: Marine Corrosion on Offshore Structures | University of Aberdeen |
| Sept. 14 | CILA: Educational Conference (01-240 1486) | Frankfurt |
| Sept. 14 | MSS Computer and Business Consultancy: Effective Budgeting and Financial Planning (Worthing 5475) | Royal Lancaster Hotel, W2 London |
| Sept. 18-21 | Brunei Management: Experimental Methods in Management Training (Uxbridge 56461) | Brunei University |
| Sept. 17-21 | Lamsac: Job Evaluation (01-828 3333) | Buckingham Gate, SW1 |
| Sept. 18 | The City of Westminster Chamber of Commerce: Security and Survival in an Age of Violence (01-734 2851) | H.M.S. Belfast |
| Sept. 18-21 | University of Bradford Management Centre: Financial Control of R and D (Bradford 42299) | Heston Mount, Bradford |

Yugoslavia's hard line on technology transfer

BY A. H. HERMANN, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE PATENT system is already sick and ailing. It is cumbersome and many believe mainly of benefit to large companies which can sustain the enormous costs of patent litigation and have the resources to enable them to develop products faster than their smaller competitors. It is under attack from the anti-trust agencies in the U.S. and EEC. Proposals that it should be replaced by some sort of copyright system—everyone publishing inventions as quickly as possible and being entitled to claim royalties whenever plagiarism can be proved—have been in the air for some years now. The developing countries could well deal if the final blow.

Yugoslavia has been developing its industry rapidly. It had plenty of evidence of this during my recent visit to Belgrade, which in the course of the past 50 years has developed from a large Balkan village to a modern and attractive town.

Though much more advanced than other countries in the Third World, to the leadership of which it aspires, Yugoslavia is not spared the typical difficulty of keeping the advance in step and of concentrating on the essentials. In some rural districts and islands the short triangular hoe is still the main instrument of labour, to use the Marxist term, and hard currencies are scarce. But until recently Yugoslav enterprises were given a fairly free hand to buy foreign licences as they pleased, including some which do not seem quite essential—for example one for the making of Jaffa cakes, which seems to be the current craze in Belgrade. Such free spending of hard currency seems to have jolted the authorities into taking a more cautious attitude.

Yugoslavia is also ahead of Comecon in having concluded about 170 joint ventures with Western companies. Its second joint venture with Dunlop, for the production of dumper tyres, was signed in June. Yugoslav officials miss no opportunity of emphasising that they wish to conclude many more such agreements with Western companies in the future.

At the same time, this "fraternising" with the capitalists is provoking resistance from the hard-line faction of the Yugoslav establishment. Though the latest revision of the Yugoslav Law on the Investment of Foreign Persons' Funds in Domestic Organisations came

into force only on April 15, 1978, its spirit seems to be contradicted in some respects by the way it has been applied.

The law guarantees the foreign investor equality of treatment, gives him the possibility of up to a 49 per cent share in a joint venture and provides for joint management by a board made up of Yugoslav and foreign members according to the proportion of funds invested by the two sides.

However, Yugoslav authorities have been insisting recently that the joint venture organisations must not take any bank credit and that any additional funds required must be obtained in the form of equity capital from the Yugoslav partner. This may cause great financial embarrassment to some of the Yugoslav enterprises involved in such partnerships, and is bound to restrict substantially the share of the foreign partner in the returns of the joint venture and in its management.

Even now the joint boards have very limited scope, often meeting only two or three times in a year while there are hardly any foreign personnel in management. Nor is it possible to bank on any long-term advantages, as any extension of the agreement must be authorised by the Government.

Conditions

Without waiting for any international code for the transfer of technology, whether legally binding or not, Yugoslavia last year laid down strict conditions under which it is willing to accept Western technology. The Long Term Cooperation Act, 1978, severely restricts the room left for negotiation of agreements. All co-operation agreements must be approved by the Federal Committee for Energy and Industry and are granted by the Act from granting an authorisation unless the agreement meets certain statutory requirements, so that the supplier of technology finds himself in a "take-it-or-leave-it" position.

One of the most important conditions is that from three years after the expiry of the agreement the Yugoslav partners must be free to sell the technical knowledge, or to divide business, or to set up a new enterprise. Moreover, as I was authorised to tell in Belgrade, should an agreement be prematurely

terminated through a fault of the supplier of technology, this would, under the recently revised Yugoslav law of contract, remain the property of the Yugoslav party. And the supplier could claim financial compensation only in Yugoslav courts.

Other mandatory conditions provide for the freedom of the Yugoslav party to export products or buy raw materials and parts anywhere. To be eligible for authorisation, the agreement must contain a number of guarantees. These cover the completeness and adequacy of the technology, and oblige the supplier to make available future improvements and discoveries. He must also undertake to supply materials, spare parts and equipment at competitive prices and to indemnify the Yugoslav party for any product liability claims or for any liability arising from environmental or health damage attributed to the production process. The law excludes the possibility of bringing any disputes before foreign courts.

The Yugoslav officials have shown great patience, and spared no time, in explaining the provisions of their laws. But when it came to the practical application of these laws, the furthest a high official would go was an admission that mistakes in the interpretation of these laws were made both by foreign parties and by the Yugoslavs. It was not difficult to guess that this view was not shared by all the Yugoslav officials present at the meeting. There seems to be a certain disquiet on the part of those who realise that a harsh treatment of the suppliers is not likely to secure their full co-operation. The world interest according to a hard-line ideology.

The clearest evidence of the extremely hard line taken by Yugoslavia on the transfer of technology issue is the Bill for the Revision of the Yugoslav Patent Trademark, Model and Design Law. If adopted, the law would practically terminate conventional patent protection in Yugoslavia. The project is not new and had several set-backs in the past, but the new Director of the Yugoslav Patent Office, Professor Dr. Predrag Boskovic, told me that he expects it to be on the statute book before the year is out. The Bill has been vigorously opposed by the

former director of the Patent Office, Professor Stojan Prednar, and his removal may well be a sign that the opponents of the Bill are fighting a losing battle.

If enacted, it would give Yugoslav authorities new powers to erode patent protection. The Patent Office would not be empowered to grant a "licence of right" concerning one single patent and benefiting one single Yugoslav enterprise. The grant would be made on the grounds of public interest.

Even more radical is the proposal that the revised patent law should give the federal government, or one of its agencies, the power to grant open licences. These would be called "official licences" and would cover a group of patents concerning a certain product or possibly an entire branch of industry. Such a group licence would open to any Yugoslav enterprise the possibility of exploiting all relevant patents. As such an official licence could be granted whenever "the general interest of the economy" required, there would be practically no limit to the powers of the authorities to suspend patent protection in widely defined branches of industry.

In every case the Yugoslav enterprise authorised to exploit a patent under a "licence of right" or several patents under an "official licence" would be obliged to pay the owner of the patent an agreed share in the profits made by the exploitation of the patent. If no agreement could be reached, Yugoslav courts would determine the share of profit which the patent owner ought to get. The exploitation of the licence on the grounds that it resulted in "unfair competition" would not be found "unfair" if it led to a replacement of imports by domestic production, or to penetration of foreign markets.

A system of general open licences of the Yugoslav type, if adopted by the more advanced developing countries, could also lead to serious repercussions in the industrialised countries. Medium-size and small Western companies would find it even more difficult to compete with the industry of these cheap-labour countries if they had access to patents which the Western companies were not allowed to infringe.

COMPANY NOTICES

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 1978 Annual General Meeting of the Jardine Matheson Group of Companies will be held at the Ritz Hotel, London, on Thursday, 14th September 1979 at 12 noon, for the following purposes:

- To receive the Report of the Directors and the Audited Accounts for the year ended 31st March 1979.
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MONOPOLY REFERENCE

The Secretary of State for Trade has

received a reference from the United

Kingdom's Competition Commission in

relation to the supply of gas in

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Stronger pound 'will hit jobs'

By James McDonald

THE POUND is over-valued by

as much as 20 per cent against

the U.S. dollar.

As a result, increasing import

penetration and deteriorating

export markets will have

severe effect on industrial

profitability and firms will be

forced to reduce numbers

employed, with unemployment

reaching nearly 2m by the end

of 1980.

This is the forecast by

Charterhouse, the investment

and banking group, in its latest

quarterly economic review. It

says that Britain's oil and gas

resources are likely to meet the

nation's requirements well into

the 21st century, but this will

result in a continued over-

valuation of the pound and a

worsening situation for

Britain's manufacturing

industry.

Short-term economies in oil

consumption will not solve the

world's oil problem, the review

declares, and the shortage and

above-average price rises for oil

will persist through the 1980s.

There can be no massive

reduction in the demand for oil

over the next 20 years since it

will take at least 10 years for

a new generation of cars to

replace present stock and 20

years for new sources of power

to displace dependence on oil.

The British Government is

not likely to be deflected from

its present policies for some

time, the review adds, so

"further substantial cuts in

personal income tax can be

expected in the summer of 1980,

following wide ranging cuts in

public sector spending and sale

of public equity, which will

help cut the money supply

growth."

WEEK'S FINANCIAL DIARY

The following is a record of the principal business and financial engagements during the week. The Board meetings are mainly for the purpose of considering dividends and official indications are not always available whether dividends concerned are interim or final. The sub-divisions shown below are based mainly on last year's time-table.

TODAY AUGUST 13

COMPANY MEETINGS

Remorse, Atlantic Tower Hotel, Liverpool.

TOMORROW AUGUST 14

COMPANY MEETINGS

AGB Research, 10, St. James's Place, London.

TUESDAY AUGUST 15

COMPANY MEETINGS

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WEDNESDAY AUGUST 16

COMPANY MEETINGS

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THURSDAY AUGUST 17

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FRIDAY AUGUST 18

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SATURDAY AUGUST 19

COMPANY MEETINGS

AGB Research, 10, St. James's Place, London.

SUNDAY AUGUST 20

COMPANY MEETINGS

AGB Research, 10, St. James's Place, London.

MONDAY AUGUST 21

COMPANY MEETINGS

AGB Research, 10, St. James's Place, London.

TUESDAY AUGUST 22

COMPANY MEETINGS

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WEDNESDAY AUGUST 23

COMPANY MEETINGS

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THURSDAY AUGUST 24

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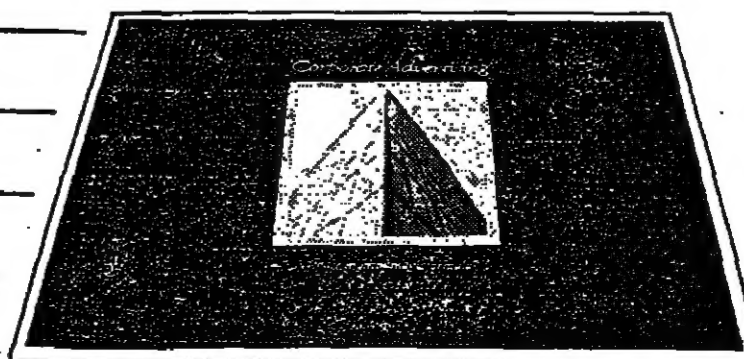
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MANAGEMENT

EDITED BY CHRISTOPHER LORENZ

Will 'apathetic' industry squeal when EEC standards become law?

BY HENRY GOLD

AFTER years of gestation, the fruits of the work done in Brussels on financial reporting are about to start finding their way into British law.

Significant changes to established British practice, covering such matters as an expansion of financial disclosures, in annual and interim reports and the definition of a group for consolidation purposes (and therefore the make-up of group profits and not equity to be reported), may lie in store. Moreover, new uncertainties in the definition of distributable profits and in the interpretation of many of the proposed rules can be expected.

These matters are dealt with in a series of EEC Directives. They include the Second Directive, which is reflected in the present British Companies Bill, and the Fourth Directive, on which a consultative document from the Department of Trade is expected very shortly, with legislation to follow next year.

Subsequent implementation

There is also the Seventh Directive, currently nearing crystallisation prior to approval by member states and subsequent implementation. And a proposed Directive on interim financial reporting is also being developed.

Yet, despite the relevance of these matters to the whole fabric of communication between preparers and users of financial information, it seems as if commerce and industry in Britain has played little active part in their development. The EEC Commission in Brussels relies for much of its advice on the technical financial reporting and accounting knowledge of the Accountants Study Group, British representation on which is drawn from the practising side of the accounting profession. But those responsible for negotiating the British position in Brussels seem to have had little close dialogue with industry.

A parallel to the apparent apathy that exists on this subject may be found in the UK in

the experience of the Accounting Standards Committee. According to the chairman of one public company, the average exposure draft attracts little comment from industry. On the other hand, if there has been apathy at the exposure stage, this has not been so once the standard has been published, says the same chairman. "Difficulties over the implementation of standards once they have been issued have provided a constant source of copy for the professional press throughout the present decade." Of course, on occasions the reverberations have spread much more widely. This is a sad precedent for what may overtake us once EEC directives pass into our law. It is impossible and fruitless to apportion blame for this state of affairs. However, there is a need to bring about more active and frequent communication between the preparers and users of financial statements and the legislators in future.

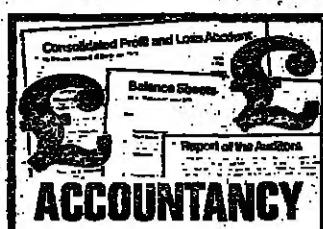
It is worth examining some of the areas which may at present be expected to cause problems.

The Companies Bill contains an important section on distributable profits. The proposed law makes a crucial distinction between realised and unrealised profits and losses in this connection, effectively prohibiting distribution from unrealised profits.

Existing case law, by contrast, allows much greater flexibility. In making the distinction, the Bill actually anticipates certain parts of the Fourth Directive of the EEC: the Second Directive, which in many other ways parallels the Companies Bill, itself did not make this distinction.

At first blush, the meaning of "realised" and "unrealised" seems fairly obvious. It is only when certain accounting practices are examined against the notion of realisation that difficulties of definition appear.

Companies engaged in long-term contracting normally take profit in their accounts during the term of the contract, rather than await completion. Are these profits realised at the moment they are taken in the



profit and loss account or not? Dividends from subsidiaries and associates often form a considerable part of a company's income for distribution purposes. When are such dividends realised? On encashment or on declaration?

Uncompleted transactions

Profits and losses on translation into sterling of uncompleted transactions denominated in foreign currency may form a material part of the company's overall income. When does realisation of such items take place? These and other matters will cause practical problems for a number of companies. Guidance may be expected from the accounting profession, but the final test may take place in the courts.

The Fourth Directive contains various forms of prescriptive layouts for company accounts. These involve a good deal more detail than most British companies presently consider necessary. These same layouts are likely to be copied for consolidated financial statements under the Seventh Directive. Under the Fourth Directive, the power exists for member States to remove these publication, layout and attendant audit requirements, in so far as subsidiary companies are concerned, until after the Seventh Directive is concluded. One of several provisions is that parent companies guarantee the debts of such subsidiaries. These creditors are not harmed by the absence of such financial information for those subsidiaries.

Many British companies might welcome the flexibility and cost savings that this temporary con-

cession would bring and, even more, its permanent establishment, particularly if the layout requirements of the Seventh Directive for consolidated accounts could also be modified and made less elaborate than those in the Fourth Directive.

This would mean that the financial statements of subsidiaries might, with the agreement of their shareholders, only need to be prepared for purposes of consolidation in what ever way is prescribed under the Seventh Directive. There does not seem to be any present indication, however, that this concession will be taken up in Britain.

More general concessions in favour of a less rigid approach to layout would also undoubtedly be welcome to all companies. It is interesting that the Dutch proposals for implementation of the Fourth Directive in the Netherlands give effect to this.

The proposed Seventh Directive introduces some wholly new notions on the scope of consolidation. Instead of the familiar quantitative tests of ownership and control surrounding the definition of subsidiary companies, the vaguer concepts of dominance and dependence are uppermost, with percentage ownership taking a secondary place. Dominant and dependent undertakings would constitute a group "if the dominant undertaking exercises in practice its dominant influence to the effect that all such undertakings are managed on a unified basis by the dominant undertaking."

This text has been somewhat altered in a more recent suggestion by Commission staff but the precise meaning of some of the terms used is still unclear. It could, however, have the effect that U.S. subsidiaries of British parents, for example, which by U.S. law must operate under what could be described as dominant foreign influence, should be treated as associates and not as part of the consolidated group.

If a subsidiary situated in the European Community itself has subsidiaries, the proposed Seventh Directive requires consolidated accounts to be pre-

pared for such sub-groups. The purpose of this requirement is not clear, nor yet are the exemption provisions which include the necessity for guarantee of the sub-group's debts by the parent. There does not seem to be any usefulness to the creditor of a subsidiary in having sub-group consolidated accounts, perhaps particularly in the absence of a guarantee by the sub-group's parent.

Turnover, the average number of persons employed and research and development activities are to be broken down as between the European Community and the rest of the world, for groups of companies. This disclosure is likely to have little relevance to the interests of users of financial statements.

Little relevance

So far as the proposal for interim financial reporting is concerned, it deals largely with disclosure matters. Some of the items listed for disclosure would be of little if any relevance for many companies (e.g. state of the order book, the general situation (sic) regarding stocks of finished products) yet are regarded as necessary "to enable an investor to make an informed appraisal of the company's business." Member states would have the power to adapt the requirements, but the selection by the authorities of what is relevant to particular sectors of industry and commerce could be an almost impossible burden.

These examples indicate some of the problems which lie ahead. A further disturbing feature of some of the proposals is their incompatibility with reporting and accounting procedures in the United States. Harmonisation within the Community could therefore lead to a kind of institutionalised disharmony in the wider international scene.

Greater participation by companies in the formative period prior to enactment must surely be essential. The time is not yet too late.

Henry Gold is head of accounting research at Shell.

EXECUTIVE HEALTH

BY DR. DAVID CARRICK

How to avoid jet-lag

LIKE every living creature in the Universe, man is basically rhythmic. We have our seasons and our days and nights during which we are in a state of alertness or sleep. Only in dire emergencies do animals and plants vary their patterns, for disaster may follow. An owl that comes into leaf in December is unlikely to survive; and a bat that tries hunting by day will not be happy for long.

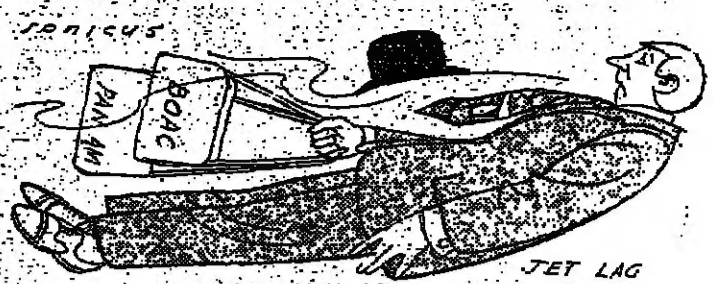
It is hardly surprising that man runs into trouble when he disturbs his circadian rhythm by indulging in great journeys over many time-zones. For the sake of doubtful gain. Most people spend some 16 hours awake and up to eight hours asleep. During the latter state, as no work is done, fuel and fluids are not taken on, and many of the significant stimuli to the alert state are ignored.

Autonomic systems continue to function, but even they are of a slower pattern. Digestion is slowed, as are all other vegetative functions including breathing, which takes on a slower, deeper form. Equally, the body-temperature falls as does the blood-pressure. In brief, nocturnal metabolism differs from diurnal and can be roughly compared with an engine idling instead of running on full throttle.

Hardly surprising, therefore, is it that the man who journeys by jet at great speeds over huge distances from west to east or vice versa, crossing many time-zones, may be troubled for the time will come when he attempts to obtain high power from an idling engine. To expect his mentality to be independent of his general metabolism would be a realistic as hoping for abundant crops to be gathered from rootless wheat.

The problem of "jet-lag" is surely known to most intelligent beings. Yet foolishly individuals who fancy themselves immune to the penalties, or, selfishly ignorant, seniors who carelessly disregard their people, and are willing to risk their health and prospects for the sake of myopic cupidity, indulge in this folly.

Recently I saw a troubled man who, having spent some 25 hours flying from the Far East to Britain, found himself in serious trouble because he not only forgot an important appointment, but actually retained no memory or understanding of the instructions he had written to himself in his diary before his enforced



JET LAG

jet-lag around the world. The time it takes for the "body-clock" to resynchronise with distances, and speeds, and also with the age and state of health of the individual. The young and very fit executive may recover fully within 48 hours. Older people, however, may require a week or more, and likewise, the infirm who may also be affected in other ways. A diabetic, for example, may well find that his daily requirements of insulin differ from normal and also may have problems concerning times of administration.

As nocturnal and diurnal metabolic processes differ, one would have thought that the scientists who have been working on the problem would have come up with a foolproof way of determining the time when normality has been reached by the adjustment of excreted metabolites which must relate to the different rates of metabolism.

Another way suggested is to fly to the nearest airport early and then adapt, but I think that both wife and boss might well be a little unhappy about this. No, the first method is surely the best, and clever management can arrange matters so that useful work can be performed by the traveller during the flight-breaks.

When I wrote on this subject once before, I claimed that birds were "jet-lagged" because migration is North/South and South/North. I was slightly in error because I am told that some birds bend the rule. The Arctic, for example, summers in the Arctic and winters in the Antarctic. Its route is remarkable and covers no fewer than 11,250 miles and involves crossing five time-zones. But birds are not stupid. Frequent stops on the way solve any problem. And birds have had some 70m years to straighten themselves out; and, presumably during migration, wives and bosses are there too, so rectification would be instantaneous.

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Building and Civil Engineering

New hospital in Salford

NORTH WESTERN Regional Health Authority has awarded a £11.7m contract to Henry Boot Construction as part of the £18m first phase of the new Hope Hospital, Salford.

Phase 1 is the first major component of a long-term project to replace the existing Victorian hospital in six major related building phases.

Work will start in September on this five-storey 22,785 sq m

development, comprising a four-storey building fronted with a two-storey apron and a fifth floor over the hospital main street.

There will also be a link corridor to the existing hospital buildings, part of which will be two storeys high.

With over 1,000 individual rooms in the complex, accommodation will be broadly distributed between the five major levels.

Egyptian glass plant

MIDDLE EAST Glass Manufacturing Company of Egypt has awarded a contract for the construction of a new glass manufacturing plant valued at approximately \$6.3m to George Wimpey (Egypt).

The project, situated in a suburb of Cairo, covers the complete processing facility in the 2-storey production building (180 metres long by 20 metres wide by 22 metres high). The building will contain furnaces, forming machines, sand beneficiation plant, electric lehrs, handling and gauging machines, transport and decorating machinery. Construction of the production building is to be in structural steelwork with suspended reinforced floor

slabs. Factory-finished ribbed steel sheeting forms the cladding, side walls and roof ventilation by controlled louvre openings. Flooring in the furnace end, where concrete is impracticable, is achieved by open-mesh walkways.

Other amenities include a two-storey administration block with all associated finishes, compressor house, electric substation, pump house, LPG plant, batching plant and water storage facilities. Also included are all general site services, hard sanding and site services.

Work has just commenced on site with bulk earthworks and is programmed for completion in two years.

Several awards to Monk

VARIOUS building and civil engineering contracts from sites between Reading and Newcastle, totalling just under £4.4m, have been awarded to A. Monk and Company.

At Reading, Digital Equipment Co. has accepted a £570,055 tender for site preparatory services, roads, car parks and paving, while at Newcastle, Monk is remodelling two floors of the Eldon Centre for the NSEB. Two mezzanine floors are to be constructed and the £237,738 project includes complete fitting out, some brick and blockwork, plus a small amount of demolition.

In N. Wales a viscose factory is to be built for Courtaulds Engineering at its plant at Bagillt, Clwyd. The £1.1m contract is for a multi-storey rain process plant building in structural steel frame and brick with asbestos wall sheeting and metal deck roofing.

Another project is at Seal Sands, Cleveland for the design and construction of an extension to workshop and garage facilities.

At Warrington, the North West Gas division of BGC has accepted a £971,000 tender for the construction at Hawley Lane of a new district depot and office accommodation. The latter is a steel framed structure with external cladding and felt covered roof cladding.

Among civil engineering projects are a sewage treatment works for Anglia Water Authority. Valued at £578,373 the contract is at Eye in Suffolk and calls for reinforced concrete construction of inlet works, grit trap, oxidation ditch and three settling tanks.

Finally at Radcliffe, a contract for £234,703 has been awarded for the arch encasement and deck reconstruction of an under-line bridge for the London Midland Region of BR. The bridge is the River Trent span of Radcliffe Viaduct and will be constructed in concrete.

Lovell gets £3m London contracts

CENTRE POINT and Berkeley Square in London are the locations for two management fee projects by Lovell Construction with a total value of £3m.

Fifteen floors are being fitted out at Centre Point, a former residence of Clive of India, 45, Berkeley Square, is being refurbished as the first stage of a redevelopment scheme.

Involvement of the contractor as an equal member of the construction team right from the start, says the company, enables optimum co-ordination of the four key areas: design, cost control, management and construction.

Retail store in Cardiff

TWO-STOREY retail store shell work in Hills Street, Cardiff, has gone to Sir Robert McAlpine under the terms of a £1.1m contract just awarded by Capital and Counties Property Company.

Work on a restricted site begins in September. The building will be a reinforced concrete frame on mass concrete foundations, brick faced externally and with glazed aluminium windows. It will measure 78 metres by 60 metres on plan and have a floor area of 7,000 square metres. Completion is programmed for late 1980.

Architect is the Elsom Pack Roberts Partnership.

Motorway award

DEPARTMENT of Transport has accepted the £7m tender of John Laing Construction to build another section of the M25 motorway.

Contract provides for 2.21 miles of dual three-lane carriageway road and is the second of three contracts for the M25 between A18 and A12. Work on the remaining section, northwards to the roundabout at Brook Street on the A12 is expected to start late next year.

The Department's Eastern Road Construction Unit has overall responsibility for the scheme which has been prepared by Mott Hay and Anderson.

New store by Laing

TO BE built in the heart of Swansea under a £1m contract awarded to John Laing by Laing Properties is a new department store at St. Mary's Square.

Work has started on the site where a three-storey "development shell" with basement is to take shape over the coming 15 months. The contract does not include finishing, shop fittings and services to the building.

Covering an area of about 1,600 square metres, the building will be constructed of reinforced concrete frame on mass concrete foundations, clad in facing brickwork, with glazed aluminium windows. It will provide a gross floor area of about 5,900 square metres.

Roof construction will be part flat and part pitched, including dormer windows, and a feature of the building will be a covered arcade.

£3m airport contract

A CONTRACT valued at over £750,000 has been won by Meers Contractors for runway and taxiway work at Stansted Airport.

Awarded by Redland Aggregates, main contractor for the airport, the contract is due for completion in six months. Much of the work is to be carried out at night.

Meers will be carrying out excavation work for the provision of service ducts for a new runway lighting system.

Water supplies and drainage

TWO WATER supply projects in the United Arab Emirates are to be supervised by Balfours Consulting Engineers.

One of the schemes, the Al Hayr Wellfield, is to supplement the existing potable water supplies and Balfour is to review present facilities, design and supervise construction of abstraction boreholes, well heads, pumping plant and associated works.

The other scheme calls for extensions to the water supply

network in Al Ain as well as repairs and replacements. Balfour says the project is likely to involve some 500 km of ductile iron pipe with many house connections and associated polythene pipework. Cost of the work is estimated at Dh 150m (about £24m).

Balfours is also watching over two contracts in connection with the Al Ain main drainage project. In the central area and the village of Zakher, about 100 km of vitrified clay and ductile iron pipe are to be laid. Other work will involve 3,500

house connections, four sewage pumping stations, ventilation systems and standby power generation plant. The contractor is Consolidated Contractors International Company. Value of the contract is Dh 11m (about £1.8m).

In the Al Ain military area about 26 km of vitrified clay pipe are to be laid, existing drainage improved and connections made to military properties. Value of this contract is Dh 21m (about £3.5m). The contractor is Soger International.

Fairclough wins £7m housing

NEW HOUSING contracts in London totalling over £7m have been awarded to Fairclough Building.

Largest contract is worth more than £3.6m and has been placed by the GLC for the construction of 104 houses and 96 flats at Thamesmead. The homes, designed by GLC architects, are due for completion late in 1981.

Another GLC contract, worth £550,000, began in June this year. This is for the completion of 173 homes at Ewart Road, Lewisham, where the former main contractor went into receivership.

Work for the London Borough of Lewisham is valued at more than £1.8m for 106 traditional homes at Ladywell Lodge South, scheduled for completion in late summer 1980. A community centre is currently under construction on an adjacent site under a £300,000 contract for the company.

Also for this council, 45 homes are being built at Trewsbury Road, SE2, under a contract worth nearly £800,000. Work started on site last month and is due for completion in October 1980.

Walled-in village

A COMPLETELY self-contained village in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, will be built by Victor System Homes under a contract worth about £1m awarded by Modern Arab Contractor.

Complex will comprise family houses, a club room, swimming pool, electrical generators, water pressurisation plant and a sewage treatment plant and the entire village will be landscaped and contained within a perimeter wall.

Company is responsible for the entire design and layout of the village, all architectural, mechanical, electrical and main services.

Big foundry project

CONTRACT WORK worth £4.6m for civil engineering and building at the aluminium foundry project for West Yorkshire Foundries, Leeds, has been awarded to Shepherd Construction by B.L. Components.

This is part of the £24.7m project to construct a major new aluminium foundry which, on completion, will be one of the most efficient and competitive units of a comparable size in the world, announces the company.

Measuring about 300 metres by 106 metres the foundry will have an initial annual capacity of about 14,000 tonnes of specialised automotive castings, such as cylinder heads, blocks and transmission components.

Work includes foundry build-

ing foundations, office and amenity buildings, control building and ancillary buildings.

In connection with mechanical pumping, electrical and process plant services and external works.

Main single-storey foundry structure will have a steel frame and a metal decking roof. The sides will also be clad in metal with the exception of the lower two metres which will be of facing brick.

A two-storey office and amenity block, which will also house laboratories, is to be built along one side of the foundry. The scheme also includes the construction of a weighbridge, gatehouse and extensive car parking area.

£7m Kyle Stewart awards

MIDLANDS Postal Board has awarded a £5m job for the construction of a new head post office at Barrack Road, Northampton, to Kyle Stewart.

It involves a reinforced concrete building on piled foundations approximately 113 metres by 62 metres on plan and 18.5 metres high to main roof level with seven basic levels.

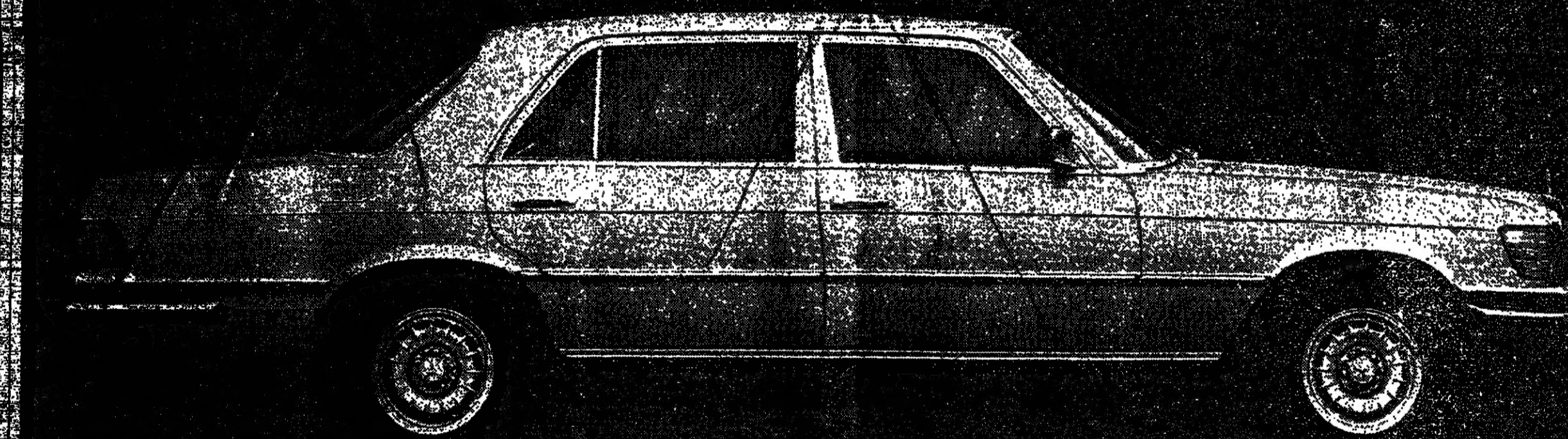
Elevations are mainly clad in brickwork with some precast concrete cladding and ribbon glazing in shallow panes. Scheme includes all services, goods lifts, kitchen equipment and postal mechanisation and access roads.

Mobile generating sets

PLANT HIRE operators and those working in the construction industry might well be able to make use of a new series of trolley

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THE ARTS

Young Vic

Night Child by B. A. YOUNG

Schoolgirl Kate has nightmares about human sacrifice in Woodhenge, and she gets up in the morning to watch the sun rise to see if the rays fall where the altar used to be. One day the other girls pretend to take her away for an offering. She spends a few days recovering from the resultant breakdown, but when she comes back she is still obsessed with the same subject, only now it's the Aztecs, and the potential sacrifice is not herself but her friend Jessika. Jessika is lucky, for on (I presume) Midsummer Day it is Kate who, leaning against the window watching for the sun, falls to her death below.

Shankara Angadi's naive little tale was written for the girls of Queen's College, and it is they who play it at the Young Vic until August 25. It's good to see an all-female children's piece instead of those all-male pieces the National Youth Theatre tends to give us, but I don't think this is really up to quite such public display. The script and the inevitable rock music, all by Shankara Angadi, would seem OK in an end-of-term production at school, but they are really a bit thin. The multi-medium production, with yards of projected film that never builds up the necessary tension, is short of detail, and the music, divided between offstage tape and onstage girls, lacks any variety of atmosphere.

At any rate all the girls are enchanting as they exchange their grishat chat in the dorm. They speak up and sing up admirably, and I was always able to hear the words, though not necessarily grateful that I had. The direction, by Darien Angadi, does not always make clear what is happening. Most of all, I think, something should be done to differentiate the short scene in the sick-bay from the day-to-day scenes at school, and the girl (or nurse?) Rebecca who aggravates Kate's condition by adding to her knowledge of primitive religions ought to be presented in more depth. The girls themselves are nicely differentiated, but even poor haunted Kate doesn't achieve enough importance. Perhaps an adult hand on the dialogue might be a good idea, for although Shankara Angadi is credited as author, the programme also says that the girls have invented their own speeches.



Diane Coulson, Kristin Flanders and Deborah Wapshott

Albert Hall/Radio 3

National Youth Orchestra

The concerts of the National Youth Orchestra are never more rewarding than when the orchestra plays unfamiliar scores, with a technical excellence beyond their years and a fresh response not always to be assumed from tired professional organisations. So it was at Saturday's Prom, whose first half included Bartok's Dance Suite, a rarity at these concerts, and Szymanowski's Sinfonia Concertante for piano and orchestra, making a first appearance there. David Atherton conducted.

In the Dance Suite, Bartok both contrasts and reconciles folk music elements from Eastern Europe and North Africa—the happy outcome suggests a common origin ages ago. He uses only original material, without actual folk songs or dances. Mr. Atherton

was remarkably successful in getting the right accents, phrasing and sinewy rhythms from his players. Two small points. The first flute, an excellent player, has a touch of vibrato in his tone that must be allowed to get wider. The piano part in the Bartok was barely audible, it doesn't seem except when so marked to be loud but it must be definite enough to add colour and point.

Szymanowski's good but not outstanding piano, wrote the Sinfonia Concertante for himself to play. Now, often has it been heard in London since he performed it for the BBC in 1944? In spite of the only moderate difficulty of the piano part, the work is dedicated to Rubinstein and was played by him and by another pianist, friend, Smetanin. By the time he wrote it, a belated interest in Polish folk music had partly shaken Szymanowski out of the dream world of King Roger. Yet in spite of the quest for transparency and clarity of form, though the new influence can be felt in the finale, encroaching unexpectedly far into Bartok's territory, the old luxuriance and gorgeous fabric, as the slow movement shows, is still there.

One might expect the bracing air of Bartok to appeal more strongly to this conductor than the seductions of Szymanowski, though his players in the NYO are at an age when such languages can be irresistible. Be that as it may, between them, and with John Bingham as fully sympathetic soloist, they made a strong case for the addition of the Sinfonia Concertante to the not inexhaustible repertoire of 20th century works for piano and orchestra.

RONALD CRICHTON

Albert Hall

Bartok, Stravinsky & Wooldridge

I cannot remember a Promenade concert more incongruous than Friday's. For many people the scheduled first work, Stravinsky's Les Noces, will have been the main attraction: it was withdrawn without apology or explanation in the programme-book, in favour of the same composer's Concerto for two solo pianos. Now, the latter is a toughly worked-out masterpiece, uncompromisingly severe and demanding. It would have been a risky Prom piece in any case, but entrusted to Anne Sheehy and Richard McMahon it was a monochrome shadow of itself. Though they are thoughtful musicians, their powers of virtuoso projection are of a modest order, and conveying the massive power of the Concerto—even keeping its intricate musical shapes in focus—was beyond them in this vast hall.

There followed a new orchestral song cycle by the essay-artist David Wooldridge: Five Italian Songs on Giuseppe Ungaretti-poems. Scored with unremitting Hollywood lushness (for an orchestra like that of Bartok's Concerto, with added percussion, for exotic effects), they proved to be awesomely innocent. The bland vocal line, which follows the simplest sentiments of the verses, must be grateful to sing. Heather Harper sounded lovely with it, but an occasional hint of fraying at the top; the quality of patrician reserve which belongs to her art is not, however, perfectly matched with these songs. They inspired a still lusier programme-note by their composer—but he was over-optimistic about the weight that the relaxed melodic line and its

credit-title harmonies would carry. Bartok's Concerto for Orchestra might have been chosen to show how much sparer and more telling a deliberately public piece can be, even while eschewing any kind of recherché musical procedure. It was commissioned for a virtuoso orchestra, though, and the BBC Symphony is not that (as the first painful trumpet entry reminded us). Much of the musical energy of the work derives from the instrumental writing; only Christine Meissner's exquisite flute solos were really of sufficient calibre, and the competitive duets of the "Cluco delle cocciole" were quite faceless. Michael Glenn's tempi were sound, and firmly held, but there was little dramatic flair or panache. A peculiar and pointless evening.

DAVID MURRAY

Elizabeth Hall

Ravel and Mozart

by ANDREW CLEMENTS

Between them the Gabrieli and Vermeer Quartets are contributing four of Mozart's great string quartets to this year's Summer Music. The work omitted is the last, in E flat, on Thursday the Gabrieli with Arnold Steinhardt as second violinist played the C major K515. Prefaced by Ravel—the duo for violin and cello and the piano trio—it promised an evening of balance and variety. But the final impression was of rather bland, smoothed-out performances, almost as if touched by high-summer drowsiness.

To the Duo Steinhardt and Lynn Harrell brought their expected polish and unanimity. Short of the rest of the Guarneri Quartet (which he leads) Steinhardt is a sweet-toned, elegant violinist, not in the least prone to force or drive the music nor to lend it heavy, muscular tone. In the duo at least that was a disadvantage. It is by some measure Ravel's most strident instrumental work—full of bitonal passages and polyrhythms, able to sustain an almost Bartokian intensity of expression. Tamed by Steinhardt and Harrell it was integrated into the Ravel canon with surprising ease, depriving the slow movement of its usual

cathartic force and the finale of most of its recalcitrance. The young Israeli Yefim Bronfman joined the duo partners for the piano trio. Perhaps inhibited by his seniors—Harrell in particular seemed withdrawn and ill at ease for such a usually commanding player—he coped with but did not project Ravel's hefty piano writing. There were beautiful moments, though, at the beginnings of the first and last movements. Bronfman's unmanicured presentation paying dividends at the very opening. Steinhardt and Harrell finding a magical balance of textures to support the first theme of the finale. "Bland and smoothed-out" is not perhaps an entirely fair description of the performance of the first movement of the C major Quintet at least. The Gabrieli were certainly not at their most forceful, but their playing these days is remarkably sure of structure and period style. Hard edges have generally been replaced by soft, moulded contours. They controlled the sweep of the great Allegro but failed to inject any vitality into the minuet, leaving the repeats unvaried in accent and phrasing, and unhappily failed to recapture the vital spark for the last two movements.

Elizabeth Hall

Tamas Vasary

by MAX LOPPERT

In Friday's English Chamber Orchestra concert, Tamas Vasary swelled the ranks of the soloists of renown also taking on the conductor's role—this seems to be a speciality of the current Summer Music season. Mr. Vasary is not the worst pianist-conductor one has encountered, and certainly not the best. The Mozart concerto that began the evening, K453 in G, was a bland affair. Melodic lines were sprucely groomed—the ECO can now be trusted to keep a Mozart piano concerto in order under almost any performing conditions, and Mr. Vasary shaped his portion, notably in the rhapsodic middle Andante, with his usual fastidious affection.

But much else was missing—the rhythmic challenge of a mature Mozart concerto, the argumentative energy lying beneath the beautiful surface, most of all the fun. Who would believe, hearing the Allegretto for the first time in this placid reading, that it is one of the most exhilarating and inventive of Mozart's opera buffa concertos? The mock tragedy of the G minor variation came out much like a mild, mild, equable, and undramatic.

For the rest of the programme

of Saint-Saëns, Ravel, and Bizet. Mr. Vasary was the conductor tout court (and one without secret). The Saint-Saëns minor Cello Concerto began well, broke down (a string swamped on Lynn Harrell's instrument), began again, and never quite recovered its original impetus. Mr. Harrell, not surprisingly, wore a pre-occupied air the second time round; the virtuosic flourishes were precisely turned, but the proper Schumannesque inwardness was missing, and fantasy was at a premium.

The piece is good enough to survive a brisk despatch, but here again more was absent than stated. Mr. Vasary's conducting of the Parame for a good 40 minutes and the Bizet Symphony in C after the interval passed under a warm summer evening, when one is glad of their sweetly made phrasing and indulgent about incoherent ensemble and orchestral tone not always under the conductor's full control. But Elzet's youthful genius—no other word will do for that glorious effusion of classical concision and Mediterranean warmth—sounded on this occasion distinctly middle-aged.

British literary manuscripts on display in New York

The Pierpont Morgan Library in New York will display the finest of its collection of British literary manuscripts from the period 800 to 1800 in an exhibition from September 20 to November 25.

The exhibition will present almost 150 manuscripts by a broad range of authors. Four items will form the centre of the display—the literary manuscript in Sir Philip Sidney's hand, his Defence of the Earl of Leicester, the only surviving portion of Milton's dictated manuscript of Paradise Lost, the manuscript of Alexander Pope's Essay on Man, and the manuscript of Samuel Johnson's Life of Pope, the best of his Lives of the Poets.

Among the items from the Middle Ages are manuscripts of Chaucer's Troilus and Criseyde, the most authoritative text of

the poem, and Canterbury Tales; a leaf from Bede's Ecclesiastical History, dating from the 8th century, and manuscripts of poems by Geoffrey Chaucer and Lydgate.

The 18th century will be represented by poems and letters by Jonathan Swift, James Thomson, John Gay, and William Cowper; a fragment from a novel by Samuel Richardson; a receipt in Henry Fielding's hand for the purchase of the copyright of his novel, Tom Jones; an autograph sermon and Fragment in the Manner of Rabelais by Laurence Sterne; and an unrecorded manuscript of Thomas Gray's poem The Fatal Sisters, as well as a manuscript of his Ode on the Death of a Favourite Cat. The exhibition will close with a group of manuscripts by Samuel Johnson's friends and biographers.

Architecture

Rangers House, Blackheath

by GILLIAN DARLEY

Rangers House is to Blackheath what Kenwood House is to Hampstead Heath. It may not share the splendour of landscaped settings, but in architectural terms it is more immediately attractive, built of warm red brick and of domestic scale. Like Kenwood, it now houses a great collection of pictures and together with Marble Hill House makes up the triumvirate of historic houses administered by the GLC.

The paintings are the Suffolk Collection, originating from Charlton Park, which are predominantly portraits, and the majority of these, 17th century masterpieces including the stunning Berkshire Marriage Set by William Larkin (so-called despite the absence of both bride and groom). They are pictures to look on; yards of dove-grey, slashed satin, turkey crepe of rich jewel colours, ropes of pearls and layers of lace. In addition the personalities are clearly defined, character could still out in the early 1600s—none of those bland, pusillanimous faces had yet come to roost on the walls of country mansions.

Although the settings for the paintings are bare, the aim is to gradually build up an upholstery furnished background. For the moment the rooms lack warmth, though the custodians compensate by giving the portraits an independent existence a little puzzling to the visitor on first hearing—thus, "Lady

Dorothy should be back soon, but Isabel is looking very nice." (The ladies in question coming and going from the restorer.)

Two of the smaller rooms are panelled but the finest space in the house is undoubtedly the gallery with its magnificent ceiling that flows out on three sides. This wing was added by Philip, 4th Earl of Chesterfield, to the early 18th century house which he had inherited in 1723. Originally the most reluctant of owners he seems to have fallen for the place in no time at all—by 1750 he had completed the gallery, his architect probably Isaac Ware. By 1754, surveying his famed garden of melons and pineapples, he was able to state with conviction: "This I find is my proper place."

The house and the Suffolk collection were brought together and first opened to the public in 1974. Despite the quality of the house and exhibits the visitor is not drawn back frequently by changing exhibitions, as at Kenwood. This means that the attendance figures are relatively low for a house in such a location, backing on to Greenwich Park and centrally situated on Blackheath itself. The excuse cannot be that Rangers House does not offer accommodation, for the entire upper story is vacant, and in good order, having been vacated by the GLC themselves a couple of years ago.

Few visitors would guess at the "fine staircase with variously twisted banisters" (all of oak)

that Pevsner refers to. This too is out of sight. Half of the rooms in Rangers House are in fact disused and it seems unjustifiable waste of such an asset, particularly since the cost of putting this floor into use would be a small percentage of the total expended at present on the house—money displayed on a little visited and relatively unknown museum. It is hoped that on the transfer of the GLC historic houses to the Arts and Recreation section (as opposed to the Department of Architecture as now) priorities will reassess themselves and the full potential of Rangers House will be realised.

Lots of uses for the upper rooms have been suggested and, as before, enjoyed by curator John Jacob. The excellent collection of historic musical instruments from the Burnham Museum could be housed there; it could be used for local history exhibitions; and displays connected with the house and the Suffolk collection itself. The museum's steps are a permanent feature, a little well and illumination are needed in building for a relatively small sum to put the rooms back into use. Certainly the GLC cannot financially justify the waste of space and the public should be able to visit the house as a whole, rather than as a fragment. The matching of the Suffolk collection with Rangers House is a most successful arrangement; the rescue of the upper floors would be another

Coliseum

Twilight of the Gods

by DAVID MURRAY

At the end, the English National Opera performance of the final Ring opera on Saturday had to be counted a success. Apart from the conductor Charles Groves, whose broad tempi were flexibly sustained but whose reluctance to be caught urging the music forward was a severe disability in Act 1, the credit must go to Alberto Benedetti, Azagha Hausland and Anna Green above all. The production does not merely remain serviceable, but continues to improve. The effect of the staging is handsome and economical, and excellently of a piece. The immolation and grand catastrophe still look a bit provisional, but Giblinings Brynhilde was a wild, wild woman, living alone and feared in the woods; one remembered that with the desperate, trapped creature Miss Green presented so intensely in Act 2. There was

to the former must have been a hindrance. The horns had a wretched night, perhaps drained by the muggy evening; the muffled solos did less damage than their domino-style collective attack in all the darkly resplendent music of Act 2. Neither Miss Green as Brunhilde nor the first trumpet was anything like pointed enough in her oath on Hagen's spect, though her passion in the scene almost made up for the rhythmic slackness. But from a decent beginning—confident, intermittently gassy singing in the Prologue, with an awkwardly intimidating manner suggesting an over-anxious hostess—she improved rapidly. In one of the original legends Brynhilde was a wild, wild woman, living alone and feared in the woods; one remembered that with the desperate, trapped creature Miss Green presented so intensely in Act 2. There was

maturity and fine control in the immolation scene, and even some radiance; I wished that Groves had helped her with an apposite tightening of the tempo toward the end.

His account of the scene is admirably steady, and not stolid. The astounding range of orchestral colour in the opera was given its due whenever the playing permitted. Gutrun's high woodwinds were always delicately, poignantly drawn out. The brass grew increasingly more and more menacing, at the expense of more of a string line. Plainly Groves wanted the music to speak for itself—but the second scene on Erlangen-hilde's rock really needed a more pressing hand. If Miss Green and the players were able to be left becalmed and adrift the arrival of Katherine Prings-Waltreute was welcome, as strong and committed as ever, despite a now, regrettable tendency to worried little gestures. The part of the Second Norm sits less well on her voice; the other Norms suit Anne Collins and Elizabeth Connell better. There were well-timed Rhinemaidens, and Patrick Whitley's interesting Gutrun vividly gnawed by by-then-pride, was complemented by Ava June's touchingly simple Gutrun, a girlish rooster. As a whole, a considerable performance, winningly faithful and unaffected.



Anna Green

Royal Variety Show

This year's Royal Variety Performance will be held at the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane, and not at its traditional home, the London Palladium.

The change of venue was announced by Louis Benjamin, who is presenting the show for the first time, taking over from Lord Delfont. Mr. Benjamin, who is managing director of the Palladium, said it would be impossible to stage the performance there this year as it would take a week to remove and then restore the set and scenery of The King and I, the musical running at the Palladium.

CRICKET BY TREVOR BAILEY

Test series has little meaning

THE IDEAL Test match should be played on a true, fast pitch between two teams of international calibre. In these conditions high quality bowlers supported by brilliant fielding will usually have to work long and hard for success against top-class batsmen. It is a long time since England have been engaged in a contest of this type, with their fine attack confronted by strong batting, and their batsmen required to make runs against formidable bowling.

Last summer a dispirited Pakistan, without Packer players, provided no opposition, and New Zealand, who have never won a Test in this country, were simply not good enough. Last winter, the combination of indifferent wickets and the defection of most of their best players to World Series Cricket meant that Australia seldom scored 200, and never reached 300, in 12 innings.

In India's second innings at Lord's last Monday, for the first time in the present series, a Test resembled a genuine international, and the England

bowlers were forced to labour. It gave them a taste of what to expect in Australia this winter, assuming the pitches improve, and against the West Indies next summer.

It is to be hoped that the feedback by Vengsarakar and Viswanath will provide the Indians with more confidence for the next encounter, starting at Headingley on Thursday, though the number of seam-dominated tests there in recent years does not bode well for them.

The truth of the matter is the series means little, because the present Indian attack is so rapid under English conditions that a draw, through the efforts of their talented batsmen, is the best they can hope to achieve. Certainly these tests provide no guide for our selectors, who need to find a team to beat Australia and to win a triangular limited-overs tournament, also involving the West Indies, with, one can safely forecast, a large amount of cash at stake. It can be argued that it did not matter that our selectors have acted predictably in choosing the same team as at Lords with the addi-

tion of Willis, who, when fit, possesses greater pace and bounce than the other England seam bowlers.

Mike Brearley understandably wants to take to Australia virtually the same party that beat Yallop and company. Under his command, and assisted by the poverty of the opposition, England have acquired a pride, a resilience, and a belief in themselves, extremely valuable qualities which have helped to camouflage some obvious deficiencies.

Nevertheless it is hard to ignore the following facts: Last winter Brearley averaged 16 in six Tests and his opening partner, Geoff Boycott, now enjoying a marvellous summer, scored 288 in 12 innings for an average 21, occupying the crease for some 24 hours and hitting a total of six fours—one every four hours. These figures are a trifle worrying when one realises that the Australian attack will be strengthened by the availability of Lillee, Thomson, Pascoe, Gilmour and Walker. Runs will be harder to obtain and bouncers more

plentiful. In addition to Gough, Gower and Randall, I would strongly advocate including in the party two young cricketers with good techniques and the ability to cope with pace.

The batsmen to take are those who show they can make runs against Hadlee, Garner, Daniels and company. A big score against India is a tonic, but means little in terms of the requirements for next winter and summer.

It would defy logic if the selectors do not pick Underwood for the tour. He has already accounted for 70 batsmen and, as usual, has captured more wickets at less cost than any other spinner in the country. He has 265 test wickets to his credit and none of the present England slow bowlers will ever approach this feat.

His record in Australia, where he can also be employed as an effective stock bowler, is extremely good. Finally, this is a new-style tour with a heavy emphasis on limited overs cricket, and Underwood is just about the best brake bowler in the business.

YACHTING BY SAM VITE

Admiral's Cup may go to Ireland

FEW BRITISH yachtsmen waiting for news of the Fastnet race this morning would be unhappy to hear that the Irish boats are going well. If Britain cannot take the Admiral's Cup for the third time in a row, then it would be a good thing for ocean racing if the Irish were to come out on top.

The Fastnet Rock—key mark on the course of this 600-mile marathon race—is just off the coast of Southern Ireland, and many of the Irish team are from around Cork, which is not so far away.

As the race started on Saturday, it looked as though the trio of Irish yachts was determined to keep up with its high-scoring record. Mishanier and Golden Apple both made good starts as the fleet went off from the Royal Yacht Squadron line at Cowes. Regardless, the third boat in the team and the highest point scorer of the series to date, was not far behind.

But they will have to hold off a fierce challenge from the Americans and the Australians. The U.S. boat looked particularly intent as they went off on a testing beat into a freshening

south westerly Saturday afternoon.

David Allen's Imp, star boat at the 1977 Admiral's Cup series, was sailing well above her handicap rating to keep pace with the pack leaders, and Seymour Finnet's Williwaw was also going impressively well.

For the Australians, Ragamuffin just has to be the key performer. After all, her skipper Syd Fischer won the 1971 Fastnet race in an earlier yacht of the same name. He certainly combines extensive ocean racing experience with the ability to select young and energetic crews who will drive the boat on hard, no matter what the conditions.

Then there is Police Car, the two-toner skippered by Peter Cantwell. Despite the upset of a collision and an injured crewman in one of the earlier races, this aggressively-sailed yacht is one of the highest scorers in the fleet. Ireland's one point, lying in sixth and seventh places. None of those countries can really hope to take the honours unless it happens to score high points

Australia is a further nine points astern, so three boats in the ten would probably be enough to give victory to any of that leading trio of Ireland, America, or Australia. Then you have to give some consideration to the just possible Hong Kong, who are lying fourth in the table. That is largely due to consistent sailing—no spectacular wins, but no disastrous failures either. As the fleet headed for Portland Bill on Saturday the three Hong Kong boats were sailing steadily together in the middle of the fleet, keeping clear of trouble, collisions and protest-provoking manoeuvres.

If Great Britain musters a good tally for all its boats, and the leaders went astray, it is just possible that it could improve on its final position of two years ago when it finished third. Italy is nearly 30 points behind Hong Kong, with France and Britain only separated by one point, lying in sixth and seventh places. None of those countries can really hope to take the honours unless it happens to score high points

with all three yachts and the favourite trio badly wrong. Statistically it is possible, but highly unlikely. But the most fascinating aspect of the Fastnet race will be the winning time. The record is held by American Eagle, a non-cup yacht, which finished at Plymouth just over 70 hours after leaving Cowes in 1971.

This year there is a big fleet of maxi-boats among more than 300 yachts in all classes of the race. When last seen going away into the dusk on Saturday evening the Australian fleet Kialoa was setting the pace. She was ahead of the 77-foot Condor, the boat which sailed so successfully in the last Whitbread Round-the-World race. If the long-range forecast of big seas and strong winds in the Irish Sea proves accurate, one of these ocean greyhounds could well break that record. The thousands of yachtsmen sailing on hundreds of boats will be hoping for brisker going than two years ago, when the first over the line took 51 days, and some smaller yachts were running short of food and water.

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The vanishing oil crisis

WE CAN all breathe again. The earth has not been tilted off its axis after all. The oil supply crisis, which promised all manner of disasters, has disappeared as quickly as it started. Or so it would seem.

However, this is no time for complacency. Energy supply problems persist and even if they are not as obvious as the springtime queues at petrol stations they have serious implications for the world's economic outlook. For a start, the shortage has left a legacy of much higher fuel prices which in turn is bound to hit output. A barrel of oil which would have cost around \$13 at the end of last year is now priced at about \$22 (or over \$30 if sold on the spot market). Already members of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries are talking about raising the price again. If not at a special meeting in September, then at their scheduled oil ministers' meeting in Venezuela just before Christmas.

The producers are as determined as ever to ease prices up even further to a point—yet ill-defined—where crude oil carries the value of alternative energy sources. That is the long-term aim. They also have a shorter-term ambition: to recover what they claim they will lose through world-wide inflation and the falling value of the dollar.

The supply crisis earlier this year, caused mainly by the revolution in Iran, provided OPEC producers with the muscle to force through a series of massive price increases. Market forces were on their side. Having gained such a firm control on the oil supply/pricing mechanism it is unlikely that the main producers will now loosen their grip. The signs are that they will continue to make sure that oil demand and supplies are tightly balanced.

Achievable

That, essentially, is where we are today. Latest industry figures indicate that OPEC's output in the second quarter was 30.9m barrels a day, an increase of 1.6m b/d on the first three months of this year. The International Energy Agency recently forecast that if OPEC could maintain an output of 30.3m b/d for the year as a whole, the supply shortage could be eliminated. Thanks largely to Saudi Arabia's increased production IEA's estimate looks to be achievable.

Warning signs in W. Germany

WEST GERMANY'S hitherto model economy is beginning to show signs of strain. For some time now, Dr. Otmar Emminger, the Bundesbank President, has been warning of the dangers of inflation and advocating tight monetary policies—at the expense, the business community would argue, of risking renewed recession. More recently, Dr. Emminger has added a further warning that the Government cannot expect funds to be easily available to finance vote-catching policies in the run-up to next year's elections.

Inflation

Dr. Emminger's Cassandra utterances on inflation were borne out last week by the cost-of-living figures for July, which showed the biggest year-on-year rise for three years. The West German inflation rate is now expected to pass the five per cent mark in the coming months—far higher than many economic forecasters had thought. Five per cent is hardly dramatic by general West European standards. Britain, France and Italy would all be overjoyed if they could bring their double-figure rates down to such level. But it is more than enough to set warning lights flashing in Germany.

In a country traditionally obsessed by inflation, an upward movement of this apparent strength is not something that Herr Helmut Schmidt, the Chancellor, is likely to welcome at a time when he faces what could be a tough battle for re-election—despite his overwhelming lead in the latest public opinion polls. Much of his popularity rests on his reputation as the man who has masterfully steered the country through the shoals of the wider world economic crisis of the past few years.

The latest figures could, in the end, turn out to Herr Schmidt's advantage if the rise can be checked. Coming as they do on top of earlier rises in the cost-of-living last year, they could produce favourable comparisons when next year's figures are published. But there is a long way to go until then, and there are a number of other signs that the economy is beginning to look less healthy than it did earlier this year.

Indeed, OPEC's output during these summer months of relatively low demand is enabling oil companies to replenish their stock tanks which were depleted so badly in the first quarter.

By April the stocks in non-Communist countries had fallen to an exceptionally low level, equivalent to some 67 days of consumption. All being well the industry should enter the fourth quarter this year with stocks of around 75 days consumption—the same level with which it entered last winter. It is by no means a comfortable position. Two years ago stocks would have met consumption for 84 days. But those were the days of the glut, the period when increasing production from the North Sea, Alaska and Mexico was joining the plentiful supplies from OPEC. Iran was exporting over 5m b/d.

Worrying

Today Iran is exporting less than 3m b/d. In the light of the continuing political uncertainty in the country even this reduced level of sales must be deemed to be under a constant threat. And there are other worrying factors. Saudi Arabia could cut its additional 1m b/d of output at any time, particularly if it feels that major importers—the U.S. above all—are not doing enough to conserve energy and to develop alternative fuel sources. Add to this the reported warnings from other OPEC members like Kuwait, Libya, Algeria and Nigeria that they, too, may trim their production levels, and you have the plot for yet another oil crisis drama.

For it is an uncomfortable fact that OPEC producers are becoming more interested in raising the price of crude than in raising production levels. Countries with a limited capacity to absorb oil revenues—notably Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Abu Dhabi—are increasingly questioning the wisdom of piling up petrodollars when the value of oil in the ground can provide healthy growth prospects. Countries more in need of the oil revenues—such as Nigeria and Algeria—are quickly learning that they can earn more money from producing less than from producing more. So while the shortage may have disappeared, the tightness in supplies remains. Consumers are on a tightrope; a slip or a jolt could send them tumbling back into the petrol queues.

The latest monthly figures for industrial orders, production and employment suggest that the economic upswing is still under way. But there are widespread fears that it will start to peter out in the second half of the year. The latest survey by the IFO Economic Institute revealed considerable scepticism over business prospects in the coming six months. And while the Institute is still expecting a growth rate of 3.5 to 4 per cent for 1979 (against earlier hopes of 4 per cent) it is now predicting only 2 to 2.5 per cent next year—due largely to the effects of oil price increases and weakening export demand for German goods.

Sluggish external demand, and an unfavourable trend in the terms of trade, have already eaten into the country's traditional surpluses on trade and current account. The latest figures published by the Federal Statistical Office appear to support private forecasts that West Germany is heading for an almost unheard-of current account deficit by next year at the latest. The trade surplus in the first half of this year was the lowest since 1973. But perhaps the most worrying prospect is the threat of mounting discontent among the trade unions this winter. So far trade union leaders have headed off demands for a special bonus to compensate for the effects of higher fuel prices in advance of the usual winter wage round. But further rises in energy prices, as well as in the overall inflation rate, would considerably increase the pressure in the months ahead. Even if demands for special bonuses are resisted, the wage round could be extremely difficult.

Resilient

The West German economy is one of the most resilient in the world. So far, the country has coped better with the international economic crisis, and the challenges of adjustment, than most of its Western partners. But the electorate next year is going to judge Herr Schmidt's performance by German, not international standards. His economic and political skills could once again be put to a difficult test in the coming months.

The ruinous cost of producing too much sugar

By JOHN EDWARDS, Commodities Editor

TATE AND LYLE'S decision to close another of its four remaining sugar cane refineries in November comes at a time when the future structure of EEC sugar policy is in the air.

During the next year the Common Market will have to face up to some crucial questions: how to reduce the present ruinous cost of producing too much sugar; the future role of cane imports (and thereby the future of the cane refining industry in Britain); and the EEC relationship with world sugar producers, particularly those developing countries whose economies are heavily reliant on sugar exports.

The three issues are closely linked. The only reason there is not a sugar "mountain" in the EEC is because huge amounts of money (an estimated £400m in the past season) are spent on dumping surplus supplies on the world market. At times the export subsidy paid out has greatly exceeded the world market price of around \$30 a tonne. Even more senseless is that the dumping of surpluses on the world market in this way depresses the price even further and raises the cost of the subsidy.

Creation of surplus

But the powerful beet lobby in the Community is quick to point out that the size of EEC surplus sugar exports is inflated by the 1.3m tonnes of cane sugar imported annually from developing countries.

So the debate about future EEC sugar supplies must include not only means of controlling domestic beet production, but also the Community attitude to cane imports and the trends in the world sugar market.

The stimulus given to sugar output in the Community by higher prices and production quotas, especially in the past 1974, has created a surplus of production even without the imports of cane sugar.

Given reasonable weather conditions EEC beet production is expected to reach some 11m tonnes this season. Consumption within the Community is likely to be below 9.5m tonnes, so there will be 1.5m tonnes domestic surplus in addition to the 1.3m tonnes of cane imports.

Demand for sugar in the Common Market, like other industrialised countries, is stagnant. In Britain demand has fallen from 2.6 to 2.4m tonnes annually.

So the surplus can be expected to continue, unless some positive measures are taken to reduce plantings. The main debate among Common Market countries on the new regime will centre on a cap on quotas. At the moment production of sugar in the EEC is supposedly controlled by quotas—each country is assigned a "basic" "A" quota, which receives the full guaranteed price; a "B" quota, which receives 70 per cent of the guarantee; and a "C" quota that has no protection at all.

Past performance is expected to be an important influence in deciding what quotas will be allocated to individual countries. The British Sugar Corporation has been making desperate efforts to increase its output as much as possible. Beet plantings have been raised to record levels and processing capacity has been increased to 1.25m tonnes, under a crash expansion programme.

Unfortunately for the Corporation the weather has been unkind. There were three disastrous years, from 1975 to 1977, when crop yields were very low. Only last year did yields return to anywhere near normal levels and a crop of over 1m tonnes was produced; still below the existing A quota for the UK.

Nevertheless, the drive to increase UK beet production, has put pressure on the domestic sugar market and cane refiners in particular. Before Britain's entry into the EEC, the market was "managed" by the Government. There was a commitment under the Commonwealth Sugar Agreement to import some 1.7m tonnes at a negotiated fixed price. Domestic beet production provided the remaining sugar required. The Government set an equalised selling price for both cane and beet sugar. A shortfall in domestic beet or Commonwealth imports, was made up from other sources but otherwise the market was closed.

One of Britain's conditions before joining the EEC was that cane sugar imports from the Commonwealth countries should be retained, because of their importance to the supplying countries.

After a long wrangle, it was agreed to continue importing cane sugar under a new agreement (part of the Lomé Convention) between the EEC and the African, Caribbean-Pacific (ACP) sugar exporters, which included the Commonwealth supplies.

However Australia, which had previously supplied 350,000 tonnes a year under the Commonwealth Agreement, was excluded since it was not considered to be a developing country dependent on sugar exports. This meant an immediate loss of 350,000 tonnes production for the UK cane refining industry, which was already suffering from problems of over-capacity.

The expansion in domestic beet production and the decline in consumption, have since added further to the cane refiners' problems. So has an inflow of imports of EEC beet sugar, amounting to 200,000 tonnes a year.

Something drastic had to be done to reduce the very costly surplus of cane refining capacity in Britain, especially once Australian supplies were forced out.

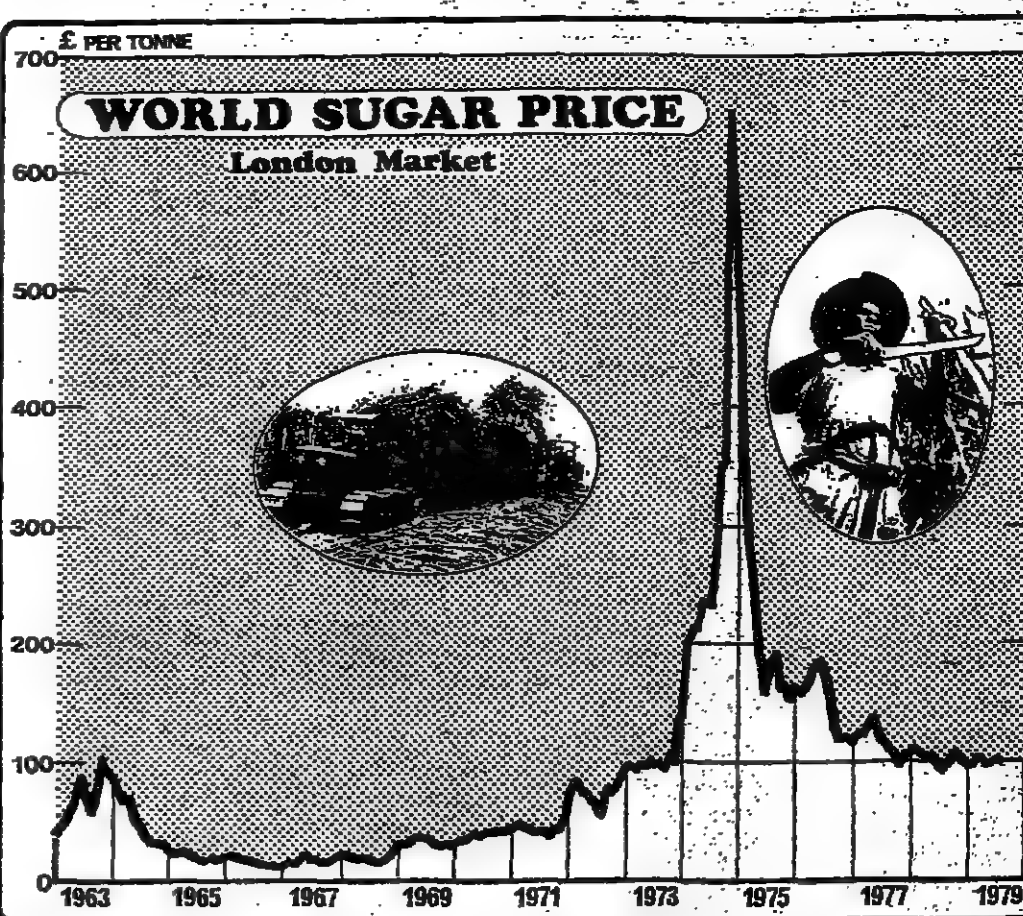
In the face of strong opposition from the unions, Tate and Lyle's reduced its workforce and capacity by closing down its Hammersmith refinery, ceasing refining at Manbre's Sonkey plant and cutting capacity at its Liverpool refinery to 300,000 tonnes. The Flaxton refinery producing sugar for export was also closed. Its Thames refinery produces 900,000 tonnes a year, and the two Greenock refineries 250,000 tonnes—140,000 at Westburns and 110,000 at Walkers—making a total output of 1.45m tonnes.

But the company claims it can sell only a maximum of 1,235,000 tonnes and that the excess idle capacity is costing it over £3m a year. It also claims to be losing money on exports—now down to 50,000 tonnes compared with over 300,000 tonnes a few years ago because of the very depressed world market conditions.

Cane producers are quick to disagree. They point out that financial aid does not create jobs, and it leaves the recipient countries in a vulnerable position should they incur the displeasure of the Community.

At the same time there is a strong case, apart from the survival of the UK cane refining industry, for the EEC continuing to import cane sugar. Dependence on one source of supply can be dangerous, particularly with agricultural crops. Bad weather conditions in one country in the Community tend to be reproduced in all member countries. So a shortfall in British beet production, for example, might not be met from other EEC countries. This is not the case with cane sugar, where production comes from all over the world.

Cane suppliers argue that the only real answer is for the EEC to cut back sugar production. This would not only relieve the pressure on the world market, which is being undermined by heavily subsidised EEC exports, but also save the Community itself a great deal of money. They claim that it is the expansion in EEC output, accelerated by the granting of incentives to growers after the



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Big spenders

Although the Commonwealth Conference in Lusaka was like a nest of singing birds, such harmony in African get-togethers is rare. The next big event on the continent's calendar is provoking dismay even while almost a year away. This is the 1980 Organisation of African Unity Conference, to be held in Freetown, the capital of Sierra Leone.

Recent experience suggests that the result is unlikely to match the expense: the 1979 OAU gathering in Liberia ended in open quarrelling, but the cost to the host nation was around \$80m. International aid bodies writing their hands in despair as each African nation tries to outdo its predecessor: President Sekou Toure of Guinea has taken the hint and

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Economy hint

The report that Mrs. Thatcher is to have two Daimler Sovereigns (15 mpg) to replace two Rovers (30 mpg), reminds me of a notice I saw displayed on the back of a bicycle at the week-end: "Stop fuelling about."

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the ACP free market of 15m tonnes. The Community is currently by far the largest single supplier, not hampered by quotas or the need to obtain an economic price.

The EEC's refusal to join the Agreement, despite heavy political pressure from developing countries, is due to French insistence that limitation of exports would undermine the whole Community sugar regime.

Tarnished image

There has been talk of the EEC adopting a parallel policy—that is cutting back exports in line with the quotas imposed on other leading exporters. But negotiations are at a very early stage and it seems likely that little progress will be made until the EEC has decided on its new sugar regime, due to come into effect from 1980-81.

But if the U.S. does eventually ratify its membership of the International Sugar Agreement, as expected in the next few months, the EEC will be under extreme pressure to join as well.

Apart from the national interests, which are likely to dominate the sugar regime discussions, there are wider issues for the EEC to consider. One is the damaging influence on the rest of the sugar world, and particularly poor countries, of its present high sugar prices. Apart from the cost, the political image of the EEC is being severely tarnished.

It is argued that the present surplus is only temporary and that the world will need EEC sugar in the years ahead. But by continuing to produce too much the EEC will make the threatened shortage worse by discouraging output elsewhere in the world. No-one can afford the high investment required for expanding sugar production and refining capacity, while subsidised EEC exports undermine the International Agreement and keep prices at grossly uneconomic levels.

One answer may be to look at the possibility of converting more surplus sugar into alcohol. Brazil, and some other leading cane producing countries, have launched an ambitious programme to turn surplus sugar into alcohol for incorporation into petrol. This saving themselves large amounts of foreign exchange spent on oil imports.

As yet, however, there is not the same economic justification in the EEC: it is still far cheaper to import oil, particularly bearing in mind the high cost of sugar production in the Community. But sugar is a potential alternative source of energy that cannot be ignored, although availability of sufficient land is crucial.

Britain, having given in this year by agreeing to a rise in EEC prices and not cut back in quotas, could decide that the review of the sugar regime is a good time to press for a reform of this part of the common agricultural policy—not only to ensure the survival of the UK-cane refining industry, but also that the pledge to Commonwealth suppliers is fully honoured.

CHARTER CONSOLIDATED LIMITED

The following is the text of a circular posted to holders of the company's 5 per cent Convertible Unsecured Loan Stock on 10 August 1979:

Conversion Rights

Holders wishing to exercise their right to convert 16 September 1979 must lodge the appropriate document mentioned below not later than 15 September 1979

We are writing to remind you that, as a registered holder of the above-mentioned loan stock, you have the right to convert the whole or any part of your stock on 16 September 1979 into fully paid shares of 25p each of the Company on the basis of 24 shares for each £100 nominal of stock.

If you wish to exercise your right of conversion you must complete the notice of conversion printed on the back of the loan stock certificate in respect of the whole or part (being a multiple of £1) of the stock included in the loan stock certificate, and the certificate must be lodged at the Company's Transfer Office, P.O. Box 102, Charter House, Park Street, Ashford, Kent TN24 8EQ, during the period 16 August to 15 September 1979 inclusive.

Conversion rights will be aggregated and sold and the net proceeds distributed amongst the persons entitled thereto.

Application will be made to the Council of The Stock Exchange for the shares arising on conversion to be admitted to the Official List.

Interest on the stock converted will cease to accrue with effect from 31 March 1979. Shares issued by way of conversion will carry the right to receive in full all dividends in respect of the financial year in which they are issued but will not carry the right to receive any dividends or other distributions in respect of any earlier period: in all other respects they will rank pari passu and form one class with the fully paid shares of the Company in issue on 16 September 1979.

Loan stockholders who exercise their conversion rights on 16 September next will be sent the relevant fully paid share certificate, together with any balance certificate for loan stock not converted, on or about 8 October 1979. In the meantime transfers in respect of such stock and in respect of shares arising from conversion will be certified against certificates held at the Company's transfer office.

If you have sold all of your stock please hand this letter immediately to the stockbroker or bank through whom the sale was effected, for transmission to the purchaser.

The following information may be helpful to you when considering whether or not to exercise your conversion rights:

A Capital value of £100 nominal of the loan stock on 3 August 1979 was £70.00. The value of fully paid shares of the Company, which would arise on conversion of £100 nominal of the loan stock was £32.40. (All based on the middle market quotations as shown by the Daily Official List of The Stock Exchange on 3 August 1979, being the latest practicable date before the printing of this circular.)

B Gross annual interest on £100 nominal of the loan stock amounts to £5.00. Total dividends paid on 24 fully paid shares of the Company in respect of the year ended 31 March 1979 (after adding related tax credits) amounts to £3.0036. If you do not exercise your conversion rights now, the right to convert will be available in the years 1980 to 1984 at the rate of 24 shares for every £100 nominal of stock.

This letter is sent to you in order to comply with the provisions of the Trust Deed which require you to be reminded of your right to convert, but should not be taken as a recommendation that it is in your interest to exercise that right at the present time.

10 August 1979

Registered Office: 40 Holborn Viaduct, London EC1P 1AJ.

For and on behalf of: CHARTER CONSOLIDATED LIMITED

Senior Assistant Secretary

MEN AND MATTERS

British Rail sails into ferry furore

During this summer of celebrations to mark the millennium of Tynwald, the Island's parliament, Manxmen have not lacked nautical diversions. The replica of a Norse longship arrived from Scandinavia; last week the King of Norway paid a visit in his royal yacht; now the ferryboat war is building up a full head of steam.

A challenge to the 149-year-old Isle of Man Steam Packet Company is being mounted by British Rail's Sealink. It has a 60 per cent share in Manx Line, which has announced cut-price fares from the mainland for the next nine months. This is enraging some islanders who suspect a nationalised industry of trying to carve up an old private firm.

But I have learnt that Sealink may be having second

thoughts. Financial director Len Merryweather told me: "We are presently reviewing pricing policy. I expect to have papers in front of me within a few days." This contrasts sharply with an earlier statement by another Sealink official, that control over Manx Line's commercial decisions is "minimal".

British Rail bought into Manx Line—which has a roll-on, roll-off ship operating from Heysham—last December. The remaining 40 per cent is held by James Fisher, the Barrow-in-Furness shipbroker. Once the line was founded by Geoff Duke, the former motor-racing champion, but was on the edge of collapse when BR moved in.

Duke has stayed on as managing director, although it now looks as though his aggressive price-cutting plans may be countermanded by Sealink. Merryweather nonetheless insists: "I'm sure that Manx Line is a splendid venture."

The Steam Packet Company, in which the island's Government has a 13.5 per cent stake, is definitely expanding its operations. Since there will not be enough traffic—especially in the winter—for both lines, some liaison appears likely. But Manxmen dismiss the idea: some still darkly recall how the island's own airline was taken over by British European Airways—40 years ago.

Steam Packet manager Sidney Shinnin assures me that what happened in the air will not be repeated on water: "We've had several ferry rivals in the past century. They come

and they go."

Kicked around

A Guildford family proved somewhat accident-prone during recent outings to Windsor Safari Park. The mother-in-law, complaining of the heat in the

Cortina, broke the park rules and opened a window. Her reckless mood was quickly undermined, however, when an elephant poked its trunk in the window and waved it about inquiringly.

The rapidity with which the window was wound shut caused the elephant some pain and vexation, to which it gave expression by kicking in the side of the car. Sadler and wiser, the family turned for home, with a halt for a calming drink on the way.

Just after leaving the pub, they were the first on the scene at a road accident and stopped to help. Then the police arrived—and found it hard to accept that the family had not been involved in the crash, in the light of the large dent in the Cortina.

When the son-in-law explained patiently: "An elephant kicked it in," the police breathalyser was quickly brought into play. A positive result has led to an £80 fine and one-year driving ban.

Big spenders

Although the Commonwealth Conference in Lusaka was like a nest of singing birds, such harmony in African get-togethers is rare. The next big event on the continent's calendar is provoking dismay even while almost a year away. This is the 1980 Organisation of African Unity Conference, to be held in Freetown, the capital of Sierra Leone.

Recent experience suggests that the result is unlikely to match the expense: the 1979 OAU gathering in Liberia ended in open quarrelling, but the cost to the host nation was around \$80m. International aid bodies writing their hands in despair as each African nation tries to outdo its predecessor: President Sekou Toure of Guinea has taken the hint and



"What with the weather and the lack of natural breaks, I'm feeling utterly done in."

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AIBD

At 31st JULY, 1979

BY FRANCIS GHILES

Membership of the AIBD
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The crisis of the Carter presidency had immediate practical consequences for the dollar sector of the Eurobond market last month. The confusion which surrounded the reshaping of the U.S. government led investors to adopt a strict wait and see attitude when it came to investing in dollar bonds as they tried to guess how the U.S. currency and interest rates would be affected by fast moving events in Washington.

The President's choice of Mr. Paul Volcker to be Chairman of the Federal Reserve Board

won praise from the banking community both in the U.S. and outside.

Mr. Volcker holds "conservative" economic views in that he believes in controlling inflation and maintaining a sound dollar. He has served at the Treasury and in recent years as President of the New York Federal Reserve Bank; his views are thus well known in the banking community. The acclaim which his appointment met with also reflected relief that the President had not picked a name distinguished chiefly by political loyalty. This

charge had been levelled, throughout his tenure of office, at Mr. G. William Miller who replaced Mr. Michael Blumen-thal at the Treasury.

Conversely the action moved in Germany where a big rush into DM bonds developed during the last two weeks of July, and for a brief period at least to the sterling sector of the market. Following the Bundesbank's decision in the second week of July to increase its discount and Lombard rates, a strong surge of buying of Deutsche Mark denominated paper developed.

With trading at a low level in the major sector of the market during most of July, the introduction of certain new techniques in the way in which new bond issues are floated claimed the attention of bond syndication managers and dealers alike.

In its first attempt to introduce competitive bidding for a public Eurobond issue, the EIB succeeded in raising \$100m at a lower cost than if it had used more traditional methods.

The changes introduced by S. G. Warburg when later in the month it arranged a \$100m public issue for the Kingdom of Sweden were different in kind but the aim was the same as that of the EIB: to reduce the commissions paid by the borrower to the issuing banks.

came when the EIB invited about 30 international banks to make competitive bids for a public Eurobond issue of between \$50-100m. Banks were asked by the borrower to quote the net proceeds they would offer the EIB. The price to the investors and the rewards to the banks were left to the banks.

Through this latest tactic the

EIB was aiming to reduce the cost of its own bond flotations; another claim made by the borrower, that it wanted to see the small investor get a better deal, was less convincing.

blind man's bluff was going on among major banks to find out who was joining forces with whom to do what.

In the event, all went smoothly. Three bidders were successful. Citicorp was allotted \$50m worth of bonds. Samuel Montagu and Algemene Bank Nederland \$25m each. Each of

Wendhausen 2.50m each. Each of the three banks bid alone and the final terms for this \$100m issue included a coupon of 9.70 per cent and a price to the borrower of 98.06. The price to be paid by the final investor is not known. The yield to the bidding banks, on an annual yield to maturity basis, works out at 10.016 per cent, but the effective cost to the EIB was slightly higher than this because it bore the costs of organising the tender. The EIB had never-

of seasoned issues in the dollar
sector as a whole.

This innovation if followed by other banks would bring Eurobond market practices more closely in line with the rules which prevail in the Yankee bond market. Another innovation related to the commissions paid by the borrower

missions paid by the borrower. In the current practice, one per cent instead of the normal 2½ per cent. This 1 per cent fee is made up of a management fee of 1 per cent, an underwriting fee of ½ per cent and a selling commission of ½ per cent. Such a reduction amounted in practice to rationalising existing market practices rather than cutting the cost of raising money for the borrower. Institutional

In this instance, investors, especially institutional ones,

especially institutional ones sought the bonds at the issue price. In some cases however, a reallocation of 4 per cent was granted. The good performance of this issue in the secondary market suggests the usual market structure in two hands: the aim of achieving better distribution of the bond and a good secondary market performance were thus achieved. The exercise was made easier by the quality and maturity of the paper. However special circumstances, this innovation pointed to a direction in which many market participants hoped the Eurobond market will move.

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|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|--|----|
| <i>maturity up to 5 years</i> | | | | | |
| 8 % Österreich 1973/B/81 | 100,75 | 8,10 | 7,94 | 15. 2.77-81 at 101,0 | MD |
| 8 1/2% Österreich 1974/II/B/82 | 100,50 | 8,13 | 8,46 | 22.10.75-82 | MD |
| 8 1/2% Österreich 1975/S/83 | 101,50 | 8,10 | 8,37 | 5. 3.76-83 at 100,0 to 101,0 | MD |
| 8 1/2% Innsbruck 1974/B/82 | 101,— | 8,10 | 8,42 | 19.11.75-82 at 100,5 | MD |

| maturity over 5 years | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------|--------|------|------|------------------------------|----|
| 8 | % Österreich 1976/S/II/B/86 | 99,— | 8,21 | 8,08 | 22.11.83-86 | MD |
| 8 | % Österreich 1977/S/B/87 | 99,— | 8,23 | 8,08 | 15. 2.82-87 | MD |
| 7 3/4 | Österreich 1978/VI/C/86 | 97,50 | 8,21 | 7,95 | 7.11.86 | |
| 8 | Arlberg Straßentunnel 1977/B/85 | 99,50 | 8,18 | 8,04 | 29. 7.80-85 | MD |
| 8 1/2 | Wien 1974/B/84 | 101,— | 8,10 | 8,42 | 2. 7.70-84 | MD |
| 8 1/2 | Energie 1975/II/B+S/85 | 103,50 | 8,19 | 8,21 | 29.10.79-85 at 103,5 | MD |
| 8 | Energie 1977/S/II/B/86 | 99,25 | 8,17 | 8,06 | 4.10.82-86 | MD |
| 8 1/2 | Steyr-Daimler-Puch 1976/B/86 | 103,50 | 8,21 | 8,21 | 9. 3.81-86 at 103,0 to 104,0 | MD |
| 8 | % VÖEST 1977/B/86 | 99,— | 8,23 | 8,08 | 15.11.82-86 | MD |
| 8 | % CA-BV 1977/II/A/92 | 100,— | 8,— | 8,— | 15.10.78-92 | MD |
| 8 | % OKB Export 1978/II/C/86 | 99,— | 8,19 | 8,08 | 20. 6.86 | |
| 7 3/4 | European Investment Bank 1978/86 | 97,25 | 8,25 | 7,97 | 22.12.86 | PF |

Selected International Bonds of Austrian Issuers

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|-------|-------------------------------|--------|------|------|-------------|----|
| USS | | | | | | |
| 53/4% | Alpine Montan 1965/85 | 93,50 | 8,21 | 6,15 | 15. 6.72-85 | SF |
| 6/8% | Austrian Electricity 1966/86 | 97,50 | 7,44 | 6,79 | 1. 7.70-86 | SF |
| 63/4% | Austrian Electricity 1967/82 | 98,50 | 7,74 | 6,85 | 1.10.71-82 | SF |
| 6 | % Republic of Austria 1964/84 | 98,— | 6,95 | 6,12 | 31. 1.71-84 | SF |
| 63/4% | Republic of Austria 1967/82 | 98,— | 8,33 | 6,89 | 15. 3.72-82 | SF |
| 83/4% | Republic of Austria 1976/90 | 97,50 | 9,32 | 8,97 | 15. 8.78-90 | SF |
| 81/4% | Tauernautobahn 1977/87 | 92,50 | 9,91 | 8,92 | 15. 3.83-87 | SF |
| DM | | | | | | |
| 53/4% | Österreich 1978/90 | 90,25 | 7,21 | 6,37 | 1.11.85-90 | |
| 63/4% | VÖEST 1977/89 | 98,75 | 6,96 | 6,84 | 1. 6.84-89 | |
| 7 | % Tauernkraftwerke 1968/83 | 102,50 | 5,52 | 6,83 | 1. 2.74-83 | |

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Quotations and Yields of Austrian Eurobonds

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|---|--------------|-----------|-------------------------|---------|---------|---------------|---------------------------|
| | | | | BID | ASKED | | |
| D-MARK BONDS | | | | | | | |
| 61% Brenner Autobahn 1968 (G) | 1.2-1.8 | 1.874-83 | 1.873 | 100 | 100 1/2 | 6.73% | 6.78% |
| 8% Donaukraftwerke 1959 (G) | 1.1-1.5 | 1.258-54 | — | 99 1/2 | 99 1/2 | 6.05% | 6.33% |
| 6% Donaukraftwerke 1973 (G) | 1.3 | 1.373-87 | 1.12-77 | 99 1/2 | 100 | 6.78% | 6.81% |
| 7% Girozentrale Wien 1976 | 1.11 | 1.11-81 | — | 100 1/2 | 101 1/2 | 6.84% | 6.94% |
| 7% Girozentrale Wien 1976 | 1.11 | 1.11-83 | — | 101 1/2 | 102 1/2 | 7.11% | 6.70% |
| 5% IAKW 1978 (G) | 1.8 | 1.580-86 | — | 103 1/2 | 103 1/2 | 8.85% | 7.97% |
| 6% Kalag 1978 (G) | 1.3 | 1.579-88 | 1.27-88 | 98 1/2 | 98 1/2 | 6.61% | 6.88% |
| 6% Oester. Draukraftwerke 1975 (G) | 1.3 | 1.351-85 | — | 106 1/2 | 106 1/2 | 8.24-85 | 7.39% |
| 7% Oester. Elektrizitätswirt 1967 (G) | 1.2-1.8 | 1.273-87 | — | 99 1/2 | 100 1/2 | 6.99% | 7.07% |
| 7% Rep. Oesterreich 1968 | 1.4-1.10 | 1.473-82 | 1.47-82 | 101 1/2 | 102 | 6.88% | 6.37% |
| 6% Rep. Oesterreich 1969 | 1.4-1.10 | 1.475-83 | 1.17-84 | 99 1/2 | 100 1/2 | 6.49% | 6.56% |
| 6% Rep. Oesterreich 1975 | 1.2 | 1.2-83 | — | 103 1/2 | 104 1/2 | 8.63% | 7.60% |
| 7% Rep. Oesterreich 1975 | 1.2 | 1.257-85 | 1.27-77 | 103 1/2 | 103 1/2 | 8.57-85 | 7.19% |
| 7% Rep. Oesterreich 1978 | 2.5 | 2.533-86 | 1.25-85 | 105 1/2 | 107 1/2 | 7.33% | 7.58% |
| 6% Rep. Oesterreich 1977 | 1.4 | 1.463-80 | 2.13-80 | 100 1/2 | 101 1/2 | 6.69% | 6.56% |
| 6% Tauernkraftwerke 1968 (G) | 1.3-1.9 | 1.974-83 | 1.97-73 | 99 1/2 | 100 1/2 | 6.51% | 6.63% |
| 7% Tauernkraftwerke 1968 (G) | 1.2-1.8 | 1.274-83 | — | 101 1/2 | 102 1/2 | 6.87% | 6.49% |
| 5% Tauernautobahn 1974 (G) | 1.7 | 1.7-81 | — | 104 1/2 | 105 1/2 | 9.04% | 8.80% |
| 6% Voest 1978 | 1.10 | 1.1079-88 | 1.67-88 | 102 1/2 | 103 1/2 | 8.27% | 8.07% |
| 6% Voest 1977 | 1.8 | 1.681-85 | — | 105 | 105 1/2 | 8.07% | 7.35% |
| 6% Voest 1973 | 1.6 | 1.684-89 | — | 98 1/2 | 99 1/2 | 6.81% | 6.87% |
| 7% Wien 1968 | 1.6-1.12 | 1.574-83 | 1.67-80 | 100 | 100 1/2 | 6.97% | 6.98% |
| 8% Wien 1976 | 1.8 | 1.879-84 | — | 103 1/2 | 103 1/2 | 8.02% | 7.55% |

| U.S. \$ BONDS | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|-----------|-------------|--------|------------------|------------------|-------|-------|--|
| 5% | Rep. Austria 1964 | 31.1-31.7 | 31.17-194 | 3.170 | 87 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 98 | 8.14% | 8.69% | |
| 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ % | Rep. Austria 1967 | 15.3-15.9 | 15.7-23.2 | 97.371 | 97 | 98 | 8.91% | 7.81% | |
| 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ % | Rep. Austria 1976 | 15.8 | 15.8-78.90 | 15.777 | 97 | 87 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 8.99% | 8.13% | |
| 6% | Aust. Electricity 1966 (G) | 1.1-1.7 | 1.770-56 | 1.769 | 98 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 99 | 6.72% | 6.88% | |
| 6% | Aust. Electricity 1967 (G) | 1.4-1.10 | 1.107-71.92 | 1.1070 | 98 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 99 | 6.84% | 7.34% | |
| 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ % | Alpine Montrose 1965 (G) | 15.6 | 15.672-58 | 15.671 | 93 | 93 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 6.15% | 7.12% | |
| 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ % | Tauernautobahn 1977 (G) | 15.3 | 15.3-83.87 | 15.382 | 92 | 92 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 8.95% | 9.66% | |
| 6% | Transalpine Fin. Hldg. 1966 | 31.1 | 31.10-55 | 31.109 | 93 | 93 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 8.98% | 7.94% | |
| 6% | Transalpine Fin. Hldg. 1966 | 31.7 | 31.770-55 | 31.770 | 93 | 94 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 7.67% | 7.84% | |
| 6% | Transalpine Fin. Hldg. 1967 | 31.1 | 31.173-82 | 31.172 | 97 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 98 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 8.16% | 8.69% | |
| 6% | Transalpine Fin. Hldg. 1967 | 30.4 | 30.474-83 | 30.473 | 96 | 97 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 6.98% | 7.76% | |
| 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ % | Trans-Austria Gasline 1972 | 15.1 | 15.177-88 | 15.176 | 95 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 96 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 8.70% | 9.94% | |

| DOMESTIC ISSUES | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------|-------|-------------------|-----|-----|-------|-------|--|--|
| 8% | Investitionsanleihe 1973/II/B | 3.7 | 3.77-61 (102) | 101 | 102 | 7.87% | 8.11% | | |
| 8% | Investitionsanleihe 1974/III/B | 22.10 | 22.10.75-82 | 100 | 100 | 8.47% | 8.58% | | |
| 8% | Investitionsanleihe 1975/III/B | 22.10 | 22.10.76-83 (103) | 101 | 101 | 8.81% | 8.63% | | |
| 8% | Investitionsanleihe 1975/S/III U IV | 27.11 | 27.11.79-85 | 102 | 103 | 8.24% | 8.33% | | |
| 8% | Investitionsanleihe 1976/S (104) | 20.2 | 20.2.81-86 (104) | 102 | 102 | 8.29% | 8.48% | | |
| 8% | Investitionsanleihe 1976/S/II | 2.7 | 2.7.83-86 | 98 | 99 | 8.08% | 8.19% | | |
| 8% | Investitionsanleihe 1977/S/III/B | 2.6 | 2.6.82-87 | 98 | 98 | 8.08% | 8.18% | | |
| 8% | Investitionsanleihe 1977/II/B | 15.9 | 15.9.82-86 | 98 | 98 | 8.08% | 8.17% | | |
| 8% | Investitionsanleihe 1978/I/B | 3.10 | 3.10.85 | 98 | 98 | 8.08% | 8.17% | | |
| 7% | Investitionsanleihe 1978/S/C | 3.10 | 3.10.85 | 97 | 97 | 7.98% | 8.25% | | |
| 7% | Investitionsanleihe 1979-87/II | 13.10 | 13.10.87 | 95 | 96 | 7.59% | 8.05% | | |
| 8% | Energieanleihe 1978/C | 1.3 | 1.3.86 | 97 | 97 | 8.05% | 8.21% | | |
| 8% | Wiener Stadtanleihe 1975/B | 29.4 | 29.4.76-83 | 100 | 100 | 8.47% | 8.33% | | |
| 8% | Wiener Stadtanleihe 1977/B | 10.5 | 10.5.82-87 | 98 | 99 | 8.09% | 8.20% | | |
| 8% | Wiener Stadtanleihe 1978/I/C | 9.5 | 9.5.86 | 98 | 99 | 8.09% | 8.21% | | |
| 8% | Europäische Investitionsbank 1976 | 20.10 | 20.10.86 (100.5) | 98 | 98 | 8.09% | 8.21% | | |
| 7% | Europäische Investitionsbank 1978 | 22.12 | 22.12.86 (100.5) | 98 | 97 | 7.98% | 8.27% | | |
| 8% | Inter-Am. Entwicklungsbank 1976 | 17.12 | 17.12.81-86 | 98 | 98 | 8.12% | 8.58% | | |
| 8% | Tag Finco Anleihe 1976 | 19.11 | 19.11.81-86 (100) | 98 | 98 | 8.13% | 8.30% | | |
| 8% | Sparkassenanleihe 1977/S/B | 26.7 | 26.7.80-83 | 99 | 100 | 8.02% | 8.12% | | |
| 7% | Sparkassenanleihe 1978/S/C | 4.7 | 4.7.86 | 98 | 98 | 7.89% | 8.08% | | |

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| Issue | Middle Price | Current Yield | Life* | Yield to Maturity* | Repayment D - mandatory drawing by lot at par S - sinking fund |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|-------|-----------------------|---|
| 8 1/2% Worldbank 75/83 | 105.50 | 7.82 | 3.92 | 6.50 | 1.7.83 |
| 8 1/2% Worldbank 76/82P | 102.25 | 7.82 | 3.00 | 7.14 | 1.8.82 |
| 7 1/2% Worldbank 76/83 | 102.25 | 7.82 | 3.17 | 6.52 | 1.10.82 |
| 7 1/2% Worldbank 76/83 | 103.25 | 7.28 | 3.75 | 6.48 | 1.5.83 |
| 7 1/2% Worldbank 76/83 | 103.25 | 7.51 | 4.17 | 6.82 | 1.10.83 |
| 8 1/2% Worldbank 76/83P | 99.50 | 6.78 | 3.38 | 6.87 | 1.12.83 |
| 5% Worldbank 76/84 | 104.15 | 7.68 | 4.50 | 6.85 | 1.2.84 |
| 5 1/2% Worldbank 77/82P | 106.50 | 7.20 | 3.12 | 6.77 | 15.8.82 |
| 7% Worldbank 77/82P | 100.00 | 7.00 | 5.58 | 6.88 | 1.3.85 |
| 6 1/2% Worldbank 77/82P | 97.50 | 6.87 | 5.75 | 7.03 | 1.5.85 |
| 5% Worldbank 77/85 | 96.25 | 6.23 | 6.12 | 6.76 | 15.8.85 |
| 7% Worldbank 77/87 | 100.85 | 6.85 | 7.42 | 6.88 | 1.1.87 |
| 8 1/2% Worldbank 77/87 | 96.30 | 6.71 | 7.75 | 7.03 | 1.5.87 |
| 5 1/2% Worldbank 78/88 | 97.25 | 5.91 | 5.00 | 6.41 | 1.8.88 |
| 6 1/2% Worldbank 78/88 | 97.25 | 6.42 | 5.00 | 7.00 | 1.8.88 |
| 6 1/2% Worldbank 78/88 | 94.10 | 5.54 | 9.33 | 7.13 | 1.12.88 |
| 5 1/2% Worldbank 78/90 | 93.40 | 6.35 | 8.96 | 7.24 | 1.2.90 |
| 6 1/2% Worldbank 78/90 | 100.25 | 6.75 | 9.00 | 6.86 | 1.2.90 |
| 7% Yokohama 80/84 (G) | 100.25 | 5.96 | 3.10 | 7.02 | 30.8.73-84S |
| 8 1/2% Yokohama 81/85 (G) | 102.75 | 7.79 | 4.05 | 7.19 | 1.8.77-86S |
| 8 1/2% Yokohama 81/85 (G) | 100.50 | 8.71 | 0.52 | 8.13 | 1.7.80 |
| 8 1/2% Yugosl. Inv. Bank 77/84P | 99.50 | 6.04 | 5.37 | 8.10 | 15.12.79-84S |

WestLB QUOTATIONS AND YIELDS

* Life and * Maturity appear in years and decimals of years and are—in this context—calculated as follows:
—to final maturity in case of a lump-sum repayment
—to final maturity in case of a sinking fund issue, whenever the quoted price is below 100
—to average life in case of a sinking fund issue, whenever the quoted price is above 100
—to average life in case the bond issue provides for mandatory drawings by lot at par only
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WestLB Euro-Deutschmarkbond Yield Index

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|----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Honda ADR | USD 281 | 1 Nippon Shuppan EDR | USD 2.66 |
| Ito Yakudo EDR | USD 581 | 1 Nippon Shuppan CDR | USD 2.25 |
| Komatsu Forklift CDR | USD 3.70 | 1 Renowon EDR | USD 2.68 |
| Kubota | USD 251 | 1 Tokyo Sanyo | USD 2.39 |
| 1 Murata EDR | USD 3.34 | 1 Tokyo Dept EDR | USD 1.82 |

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|--------------------------|---------|------------|-----------|---------|
| Private Bank | 1985 | 5 July 79 | 7 Jan 80 | 12 1/2% |
| SPG Finance Co. | 1985/84 | 10 July 79 | 10 Jan 80 | 12 1/2% |
| Indusbank | 1985 | 10 July 79 | 10 Jan 80 | 11 1/2% |
| CCF (6 1/2% min) | 1983 | 10 July 79 | 10 Jan 80 | 11 1/2% |
| Indusbank | 1985 | 10 July 79 | 10 Jan 80 | 11 1/2% |
| Adela Investment Co. | 1983 | 11 July 79 | 11 Jan 80 | 12 1/2% |
| CCF (7 1/2% min) | 1983 | 11 July 79 | 11 Jan 80 | 11 1/2% |
| Credit National | 1983 | 11 July 79 | 11 Jan 80 | 11 1/2% |
| Nippon Credit Bank | 1986 | 11 July 79 | 11 Jan 80 | 10 1/2% |
| Royal Bank of Scotland | 1986/84 | 11 July 79 | 11 Oct 79 | 11 1/2% |
| Societe Generale | 1991 | 12 July 79 | 12 Oct 79 | 11 1/2% |
| Sogefi | 1989/91 | 13 July 79 | 14 Jan 80 | 10 1/2% |
| Ljubljanska Banka | 1985 | 18 July 79 | 21 Jan 80 | 11 1/2% |
| Offshore Mining Co. | 1986 | 19 July 79 | 20 Jan 80 | 11 1/2% |
| S.N.P. (5 1/2% min) | 1983 | 21 July 79 | 21 Jan 80 | 11 1/2% |
| Bco Nation America | 1983 | 23 July 79 | 23 Jan 80 | 11 1/2% |
| Kansallis Oskari Pankki | 1983 | 23 July 79 | 23 Jan 80 | 11 1/2% |
| Midland Int'l Finance | 1983 | 23 July 79 | 23 Jan 80 | 11 1/2% |
| Paros Finance | 1984 | 24 July 79 | 24 Jan 80 | 11 1/2% |
| Indusbank | 1985 | 25 July 79 | 25 Jan 80 | 11 1/2% |
| L.T.C.B. | 1982 | 27 July 79 | 27 Jan 80 | 11 1/2% |
| African Development Bank | 1983 | 30 July 79 | 30 Jan 80 | 11 1/2% |
| Chase Manhattan O'Gara | 1983 | 30 July 79 | 30 Jan 80 | 11 1/2% |
| Swiss Bank Corp. | 1981 | 31 July 79 | 31 Jan 80 | 12 1/2% |

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during August.

| | | | |
|----------------------|------|---------------------|------|
| Almali 551K | 1983 | Down Bank Corp. | 1982 |
| Arab Int'l Bank | 1983 | ESCOM | 1982 |
| B.F.C.E. | 1984 | L.S.I. (6 1/2% min) | 1982 |
| Banko do Brasil | 1982 | Jugobank | 1982 |
| B.U.E. | 1981 | LTCB | 1982 |
| Banco Ext. d'Algeria | 1984 | Midland Bank | 1983 |
| B.N.P. | 1984 | Republic of Panama | 1983 |
| B.N.P. | 1991 | PICA | 1983 |
| C.C.C.C. | 1998 | S.N.C.F. | 1987 |
| Charmhouse Japhet | 1985 | Senatrat | 1987 |
| Credit Lyonnais | 1982 | Standard Chartered | 1980 |
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| Fund | 31/7/79 | Price | First Issue | Yield | Div. Date |
|--------------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------|-----------|
| Rendinvest | LuxFr 918 | LuxFr 1000 | 1/8/79 | 8.43 | 20/11/79 |
| Capital Rendinvest | LuxFr 1430 | LuxFr 1000 | 1/8/79 | 8.43 | 20/11/79 |

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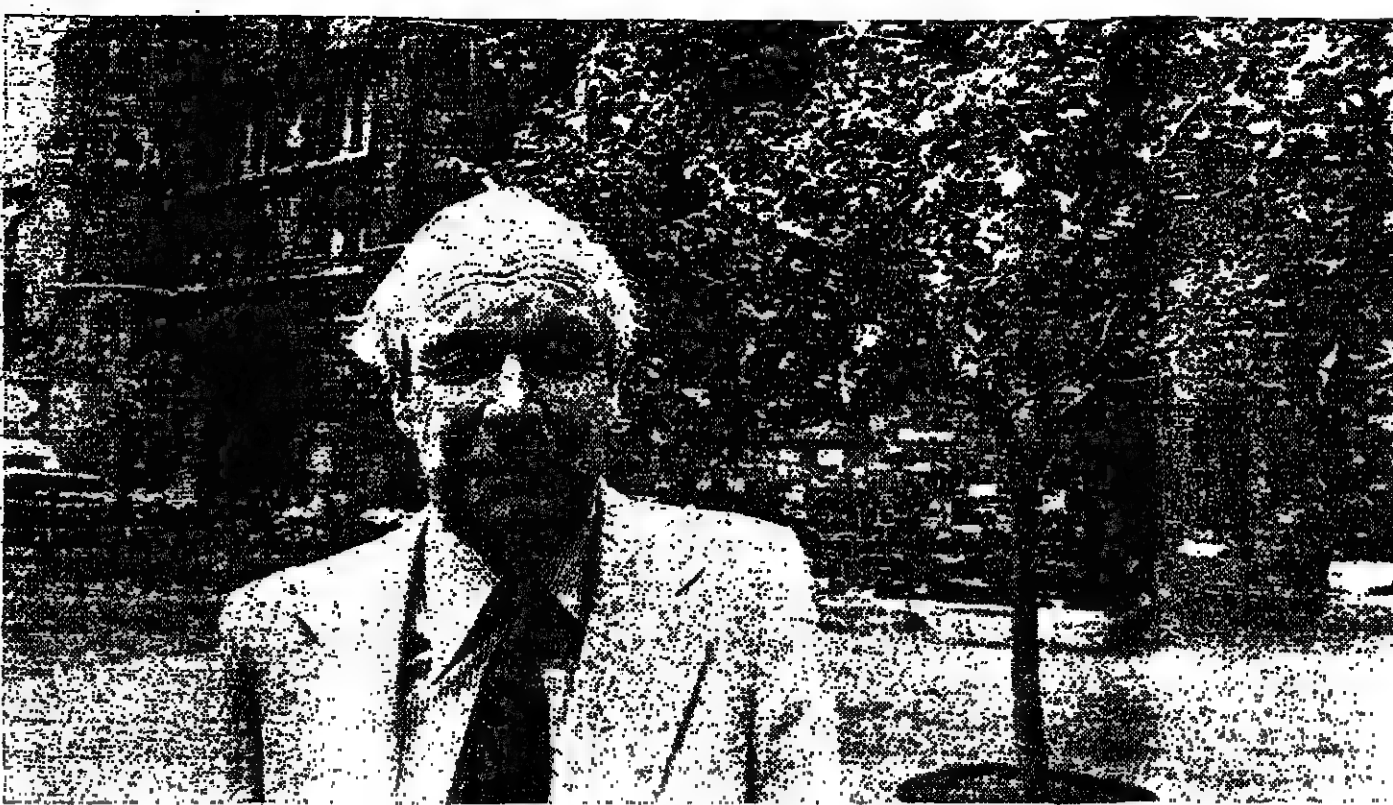
"SCIENCE IS great but business is greater," said Prince Charles at Trinity College, Cambridge, the other day. And if they can be combined it is surely a good thing, he told a group of fellows and fellows' wives, among them at least four Nobel prizewinners in science. One was the most recent, Alan Hodgkin, master of Trinity, professor of physiology at Cambridge, and an enthusiastic advocate of closer ties between industry and academia.

Trinity College has brought science and business together as a commercial investment in an industrial estate on the outskirts of Cambridge, a kind of thing common to the U.S. but novel to Britain. The college is landlord of the Cambridge Science Park, where 13 small companies—at least three of which have been spawned by Cambridge University—are clustered.

Their activities include computer-controlled laser systems, powerful new instruments for biologists, veterinary vaccines, a "supermarket" for rare metals no-one else can supply. The terms of their tenancy stipulate that these activities shall continue to need close relations between the "shop-floor" and scientists. Once a product becomes a matter of routine manufacture the tenant is required to leave the premises.

Prince Charles had dropped in by helicopter to open the new £11m laboratories of the latest and largest tenants, Cambridge Consultants, a contract research and engineering company founded in 1960 by a Trinity man. To one tenant's claim that his "wider" was way ahead of the Americans, the Prince replied that it was the third time he had heard the word "wider" at the Cambridge Science Park that morning.

Cambridge Consultants was founded (with £400) on the



Sir Alan Hodgkin, Master of Trinity College Cambridge, pictured outside Trinity College with the Great Gate in background.

simple premise of putting "the brains of Cambridge University at the disposal of the problems of British industry." Trinity's industrial estate has precisely the same objective—though not all its tenants are British-owned companies, says Dr. John Bradfield, Trinity's senior bursar, responsible for the college's endowment income of about £2m gross a year. Trinity is reputed to be Cambridge's richest college. But the income is needed to keep buildings which date from the thirteenth century in good repair. "£650,000 a year," he says, "is a vast

major task of re-roofing—to pay for the college's 20 research fellows and research students, and to help subsidise Cambridge's newer colleges through the university's private tax scheme. "So we don't try to be clever," says Dr. Bradfield. His investments are spread roughly one-third each in farming, urban property and securities. But Trinity's investment manager has never severed his own connections with science. He came to Trinity as a scholarship student, graduated in botany, then worked at the Cavendish Laboratory with the electron microscope, one of the most potent research tools the

botanists have ever found. For the past 20 years, since he left the Cavendish Laboratory to become Trinity's business manager, he has found no time for botany beyond his hobby of planting trees. But the job has kindled an immense enthusiasm for helping British industry that almost transcends his love of Trinity.

His opportunity came in the shape of a report prepared for the university in 1968, when a committee under the chairmanship of Professor Sir Nevill Mott reported on university relationships with industry. It argued that Cambridge has a special role to play in fostering science-based industries and

entrepreneurs. It offered two good reasons: that it probably has "the largest concentration of physical, technological, biological, medical and agricultural research laboratories in any university in this country"; and that if one added Government-funded laboratories in and around Cambridge, it amounts to "the largest non-industrial concentration in the country."

But it was widely believed, the committee found, that new industries and industrial research were not welcome either to the university or to local authorities. "The university accepted the Mott report," Dr. Bradfield, "impressed by the

importance of the idea," picked up the challenge in a matter of months.

Trinity's fondness for science dates from the days when Isaac Newton, working alongside the Great Gate of the college, revolutionised thinking about the behaviour of light. On the edge of town, Trinity possessed 140 acres of derelict land, mostly a gift from the Throne in 1443. It had been requisitioned as a marshalling yard for tanks in the war and was overgrown with hawthorn scrub.

Two years after the Mott report Trinity had planning permission to develop the first 14 acres for the use of science-based industry. Its first tenant, Laser-Scan Laboratories—the brainchild of two Cavendish Laboratory professors and their student who had been developing computer-controlled lasers—arrived in 1973.

Today Laser-Scan is a business employing 56 with a turnover exceeding £1m this year. At the Cambridge Science Park it already has two buildings and is seeking a third. Its expertise lies in the way it can persuade a computer to steer a beam of light from a laser to read a photograph or a map for specific details of interest.

The only Rolls-Royce in the park is owned by Mrs. Doris Wheatley, an archaeologist teaching at the university until, she claims, she "met a man in a pub" who persuaded her to go into business. Her business, Cambridge Communication, specialises in translating complex documents into readily assimilated literature—company statements into literature for shareholders, for instance.

The latest tenant, Cambridge Consultants, has built its own laboratories rather than rent a building. One of its most promising lines of development is the technology of ink-jet

printing. This is a very fast method of printing by using a stream of minuscule droplets of ink steered by a computer—much as it steers a stream of electrons to paint a picture on a TV-type screen. Sound waves shatter the fine jet of ink into a uniform stream of charged droplets, small enough to respond quickly to a fast-changing electric field.

The beauty of ink-jet printing lies both in its speed as a computer-driven printer and in the fact that it will print on virtually any surface, because nothing but ink droplets touches the surface. Cambridge Consultants offers to tailor the technology to a customer's requirements—anything from fine designs on fabrics to drawing complex profiles by computer on large metal plates destined for the hulls of ships or aircraft.

Landscaping

Between them the 13 tenants employ about 150 full-time, 45 per cent of whom are scientists. Trinity has invested about £1.5m of its own money in buildings, roads, services and landscaping the tank-littered land. At a ratio of 6:1 of land to buildings, the rent cannot be cheap, says Bidwells of Cambridge, the college's agents. It yields about £150,000 a year on Trinity's investment and "earns its keep," confirms Dr. Bradfield.

Next month Bidwells hopes to clinch a deal which will raise employment at the park to 450. Napp, a privately-owned U.S. pharmaceutical company, plans to consolidate its scattered UK facilities in a single headquarters and research laboratory on the site. The company, whose primary claim to fame is an iodine disinfectant which doesn't sting, has plans to build its own elegant, glass-clad build-

ing, doubling the area of landscaped site.

Another idea Bidwells is exploring is the building of half a dozen "starter units" of only 1,300 sq ft. The idea is that entrepreneurs working at present in garages, garden sheds or wherever—as some of their present tenants began—might thus be tempted to take the next step towards full-scale industrial premises.

Dr. Bradfield suggests that these units could also make ideal "listening posts" for big companies wanting to keep an ear to the ground for new ideas in Cambridge. Already there is one "ear" in Cambridge, in the shape of Mr. Neil Cross, area manager for the Industrial and Commercial Finance Corporation (ICFC), which has already backed three of Trinity's tenants, including Laser-Scan and Cambridge Communications. This unit also offers a sympathetic ear to its clients who get into problems with money.

Does the Cambridge Science Park work—in the sense of being a community of similar interests working closely with university laboratories? "When I find them scrounging each other's equipment, then I'll know we're winning," Dr. Bradfield says. But he points proudly to the £25,000 given by Laser-Scan to finance a five-year research fellowship at the Cavendish—"exactly the sort of mutual benefit scheme one hoped for."

His confidence comes from the proliferation of science parks of this kind in North America, where the U.S. alone has about 80, averaging 650 acres in area. One, the Research Triangle in North Carolina, is as big as the whole of Cambridge and has five universities associated with it. "I know it's good. Our fellows are always off to it in the long vacation."

Letters to the Editor

Commodity centre

From Mr. D. Gordon.
Sir—Is the City to be the last place in Britain to realise that Mrs. Thatcher's world is different? I have been reading with growing amazement the pre-Thatcher-era letters from "serious" people, asking the Government to provide £2m towards the cost of housing international commodity bureaux. An object of such largesse, as spelt out by your commodity expert in *London* (August 8), is to promote invisible exports.

"Invisibles" are a good thing, and the City deserves its fair share of the proceeds back for generating exports of them. But the benefit of such invisible earnings are not themselves invisible. They get transformed into the profits of enterprises in the City, such as Barclays Bank (profits £45m in the past 12 months) which is spearheading the campaign for some of the taxpayers' money being cut off even from those arts that generate invisible tourist earnings. To those outside the City it is absurd to see Barclays holding out the begging bowl in this way.

If the City thinks a commodity centre is good for the City, then it should take the long-term view and itself pay the whole cost of one.
David Gordon,
Flat 39,
Stafford Court,
Kensington High Street, W8.

Change to metric

From the Chairman C. Whitely.
Sir—I would take issue with Mr. Jenkins' view (July 27) that the time for this country to go metric is five years after the Americans. It should be remembered that as long ago as 1965 more than half our exports were taken by metric countries, and at that time the technologically-based industries put the case to the Government for the use of metric weights and measures in UK.

The position now is that even if we exclude the U.S. (which is planning its own metric conversion) over 90 per cent of our exports go to countries which have always been metric or which are in an advanced state of change.

British industry is now absorbing some frighteningly high added costs but very few firms have faced up to this and attempted to quantify the extra burden of such items as the dual stocking of tools, raw material, consumables, finished goods and sales literature plus the cost of dual dimensioning by design offices, the cost of conversion of incoming specifications by estimators and the cost of scrap and errors on the shop floor due to the use of both metric and Imperial drawings on machinery still predominantly Imperial. Evidence is becoming available which shows these added costs to be as high as 15 per cent which under other circumstances could be used to increase profits or wages or to reduce prices.

There is also evidence to show that despite 90 per cent metric

exports, over 50 per cent of tools and instruments purchased last year for use on the shop-floor were Imperial, of the rest less than 5 per cent dual or numerically controlled. This holds ill for the future and leaves us in risk of an assault of imported metric tools when our time of change does come.

Jack Watteley,
26 St John's Street,
Chichester

Planning and building

From Mrs. J. Tietz.

Sir—The Government is apparently considering the introduction of fees payable to local authorities for considering planning and building regulations applications. Consent under building regulations already attracts a fee in the inner London area and the idea is neither revolutionary nor necessarily unattractive. There are, however, more fundamental

issues which should also be explored.

Among those who are professionally engaged in construction the predominant opinion is that the regulations are too cumbersome, too slow, are administered with excessive attention to minutiae and are therefore no longer cost effective. A total review is required and the need for this should not be confused by the introduction of charges. It would be all too easy for local authorities to persuade themselves that the payments received are a useful form of revenue and there would be correspondingly less pressure to review the basis of the system and means which improve its effectiveness.

Some time ago you quoted the high and rising cost to the American chemical industry, through complying with U.S. safety standards (June 20). Other studies have been carried out, particularly in the U.S., to evaluate the economic effects of building regulations. Something of that nature is long overdue here. Some of the regulations produced over the

past few years have never been satisfactorily justified on true or social cost grounds and even some of their other reputed benefits are at best unproven.

A thorough analysis would show that a simpler and far more effective system could be arrived at, using less than the present staff and certainly requiring less than the present overheads created for users in endeavouring to comply. Bearing in mind that these all affect the end product, ie, the cost of building, this surely is where Government pressure is primarily needed even if fees are allowed in the meantime. Similar past recommendations have been taken up with rather less than enthusiasm by the Department of the Environment.

Fees might also help to achieve greater efficiency if they only become payable where a local authority has dealt with the application within the statutory period, and in case of rejection, has given fully documented reasons.

Stefan B. Tietz,
S. B. Tietz and Partners,
10-14, Macklin Street, WC2.

Pre-vetting TV commercials

From the Deputy Head of Advertising Control, Independent Broadcasting Authority

Sir—Chris Dunkley is perfectly entitled to express his views about the standards of British TV commercials (July 27), but is not entitled to claim that many "do not even begin to observe the spirit" of the IBA Code of Advertising Standards and Practice.

He should be aware that the Independent Broadcasting Authority not only draws up the code, but secures its enforcement by a system of pre-vetting of commercials, first of scripts, and then of finished films or tapes.

The authority's latest published report for the financial year 1977-78 showed that of 7,289 original commercial scripts for TV, 15 per cent needed amendment to remove or qualify claims which were not supported by the facts about the quality, terms or the value of goods and services, and 7 per cent needed amendment to bring them into line with other requirements of the code. The staff of the IBA and the copy clearance section of the Independent TV Companies Association considered over 11,000 different TV commercial scripts during the year (which included re-submissions). None was accepted for broadcasting until we were satisfied that the script as well as the code was complied with.

Mr. Dunkley mentions particular cases without being aware of all the facts. For example, if a floor cleaner is described as "new," the authority will require, through the ITCA, an assurance that it is newly formulated. I will not guarantee that a floor cleaner, new or otherwise, will bring instant joy to the face of a housewife (or husband), but presumably advertisers should have some reasonable licence to suggest that some of the recipients will be demonstrably pleased.

There are many lagers with Confidential sounding names, but

if these were brewed in the UK, and if the theme of the commercial is likely to suggest an imported product, the authority requires the advertiser to include the information in the commercial. Such information, usually in the form of superimposed words such as "Brewed in the UK under licence," must be in bold type and held sufficiently long for the information to be clearly seen by the viewers. (In the case of radio advertisements, the words must be spoken.)

As to toothpastes containing fluoride, this subject has not only been carefully considered by the advertising advisory committee, but by the British Dental Association. Before any claim for a toothpaste is accepted for broadcasting, it is seen not only by the lay staff, but must meet exacting standards required by a senior member of the dental profession, appointed by the authority to its medical advisory panel.

No advertisement for a medical or toilet product which includes claims as to the therapeutic or prophylactic effects of the product may be broadcast on television or radio without first being referred to a member of the panel. This is required by a provision of the Independent Broadcasting Authority Act, 1973. The tests referred to in the toothpaste commercials are the British clinical trials into fluoride toothpastes, in which the dental health committee of the British Dental Association was involved and during which information and advice were exchanged between the manufacturers and the association regarding the scope and methodology of the proposed trials. This was to enable official cognisance to be given to the results of the trials and enable them to be evaluated on a comparable basis. The "up to 30 per cent" claim stems from the findings accepted by the BDA and the authority's dental consultant that children who used toothpaste containing a recommended amount of fluoride showed an average of 30.3 per cent fewer decayed, missing or filled surfaces on teeth which grew through the

gums during the three-year test period than did children using a non-fluoride paste. Allowing for the shortness of TV commercials, the claim does not turn out to be meaningless. We are concerned that advertisers do not overclaim and in these cases we always require reference to the need for regular brushing.

I would agree with Chris Dunkley that it is unethical deliberately to take off the voice of a well-known personality to mislead viewers and we would not intentionally allow it. I do not know to which commercial he is referring. Could it be the latest for Carlsberg Special Brew? But that is the voice of Orson Wells.

Nothing is perfect in an imperfect world and there will always be room for argument about individual commercials. With something like 7,000 new TV commercials and an equal number of radio commercials made every year, there will be those which are loved and those which are disliked. The authority is concerned to achieve high standards of broadcast advertising and its advertising control machinery is designed to achieve that result.

H. G. Theobalds,
Independent Broadcasting Authority,
70 Brompton Road, SW3.

What it can mean

From Mr. P. Flatter

Sir—I was heartening to read Chris Dunkley's exposure (August 8) of TV advertising integrity. If any word ought to be awarded first prize for consumer deception, it is surely "can" as in Mr. Dunkley's "regular brushing with Tootho can mean up to 30 per cent fewer fillings." When used in conjunction with "help," as in "can help reduce," the risk of claiming that the product will actually do what the customer buys it for, is reduced still further.

P. Flatter,
Woodland Way, Wiggonhall,
Nr. Fulborough, West Sussex.

Today's Events

GENERAL
U.K.: Engineering industry unions call one-day strike over minimum pay rate.

Banking, Insurance and Finance Union members begin industrial action over pay at F. C. Finance.

World Bank publishes its World Development Report. Meriden Motor Cycle Workers' Co-operative creditors meet at Meriden.

Argentine Navy's three-masted sailing training ship "Libertad" arrives in London. Overseas: President Carter sees 1,000 and meat processing 17).

industry representatives at White House about increases in sales margins.

Sir Kenneth Cork, Lord Mayor of London, leaves Korea for informal visit to Japan.

National Hardware Exhibition opens, Chicago (until August 16). International Environmental and Engineering Exhibition opens, Singapore (until August 17).

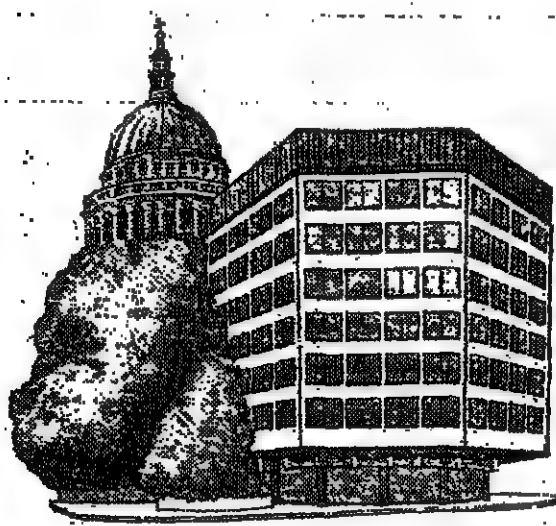
OFFICIAL STATISTICS
Index of industrial production (June — provisional). Retail sales (July—provisional). Turnover of the catering trades (second quarter).

COMPANY RESULTS
Final dividends: AGB Research, Caledonian Trust Co. Press Tools, Bernard Sunley Investment Trust, Vibropant Holdings. Interim dividends:

Benford Concrete Machinery. Broadstone Investment Trust. Manchester Ship Canal Co. Olives Paper Mill Co. Rea Brothers, Squirrel Horn, Interim figures. Scottish Western Investment Trust.

COMPANY MEETINGS
See Financial Diary on page 6. LUNCHTIME MUSIC, London

Piano recital by Geoffrey Saba, St. Lawrence Jewry next Guildhall, 1.00 pm. Organ recital by Ralph Capper, St. Michaels Corhill, 1.00 pm.



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Astra dividends to be linked with CCA basis

THE DIVIDEND policy of Astra Industrial Group is to pursue prudently increasing payments subject to rising profits based on the current cost accounting statement, Mr. D. G. Dukes, chairman, says in his annual review.

Every effort will be made to increase the performance reflected in the CCA statement, he adds.

Taxable profits of a CCA basis are shown virtually unchanged at £269,000 in the year to April 30, 1979, compared with £264,000 last time, after adjustments for depreciation, costs of sales and gearing.

As reported on July 20, historic cost profits before tax were marginally ahead at £1,04m (£1,02m). The net total dividend is stepped up 15 per cent to 1.305p (£1,283,45p), with a final of 0.9p. A two-for-three scrip issue is also proposed.

The chairman explains that profit growth would have been greater but for the amount absorbed by complying with SSAP 12 and by a decision to increase borrowing without receiving the benefit of investment income on the use of the borrowed money during the period under review.

This decision arose from attention paid to the CCA statement, he adds. A suitably favourable adjustment is made for monetary liabilities and it is considered that, so long as some inflation rate continues, borrowed monies invested in additional assets should eventually benefit shareholders' funds.

At April 30, 1979, these were shown at 31.9p per share (28p). Former investment in fixed assets for the operating companies has provided them with modern equipment and buildings, the chairman continues. None of the companies therefore require large sums now to maintain or increase profits.

What investment they do require will be provided, but it has been decided to build up investment portfolio of property and marketable securities using retained profits and borrowed

BOARD MEETINGS

The following companies have notified dates of Board meetings to the Stock Exchange. Such meetings are usually held for the purpose of considering dividends. Official indications are not available as to whether dividends are interim or final and the sub-divisions shown below are based mainly on last year's usual practice.

TODAY
Barnard Concrete Machinery
Broadstone Investment Trust, Manchester Ship Canal, Olives Paper Mill, Res Brothers, Squirrel Horn, S. 14
Fines, ACS Research, Caledonian Trust, Impala Platinum, Press Tools, Bernard Sunley Investment Trust, Vibroplant.

FUTURE DATES
Ratme (T. F. and J. H.) Aug. 21
Fouch (Dietrich) Sept. 14
Fayle (Chollett) and Marriot Sept. 14
Flaming and Indust. Secs. Sept. 18
Scottish Agricultural Indus. Aug. 30
Janique Sept. 27
Meat Trade Suppliers Aug. 21

funds aimed at obtaining income or capital appreciation.

On divisional prospects, the engineering side looks forward to a more progressive year helped by improvements and the addition of £150,000 capital for plant and production tools. The development of fresh applications and interests in other compatible processes, will continue at the metal finishing division, and the re-siting of the Wolverhampton factory will provide additional impetus.

At balance date, group fixed assets were up from £2,73m to £3,25m. Current assets stood at £3,81m (£3,25m), while current liabilities were £2,66m (£2,13m). Net liquid funds increased by £328,441, compared with a £33,309 decrease.

Meeting, Birmingham, on September 5 at noon.

SHARE STAKES

Crest Nicholson—P. C. Nicholson, director, is no longer interested as a trustee in 168,000 shares.

Stead and Simpson—G. S. Gee, director, on August 7 sold 20,000 "A" ordinary shares at 80p, Mrs. V. K. Gee sold 10,000 at 80p.

Rowten Hotels—Globe Investment Trust is interested in 200,000 shares (£3.20 per cent).

Hanson Trust—Sir James Hanson notifies that the executors of Robert Hanson have acquired 619,474 shares. Sir James is now interested in 1,710,806 shares. Directors have acquired shares as follows: M. C. Taylor, 11,375 shares; D. N. Rosling, 22,500; K. H. Osborne, 2,262; B. A. Helling, 33,919; B. Hagdrup, 12,000; R. M. Dean, 65,271; A. G. L. Alexander 35,368.

Jitra Rubber Plantations—Kuala Lumpur-Kepong Investments now the beneficial owner of 133,500 stock units (6.01 per cent).

James Austin Steel (Holdings)—Turmanns Steel Group has acquired 59,000 shares bringing total to 621,000 (20.7 per cent). Sanderson Murray and Elder (Holdings)—R. Fawcett, director, as trustee of settlements, has disposed of 383,350 shares in retirement as a trustee of settlements. Holding now nil.

W. Jackson upsurge to £2.07m

A SECOND half rise from £1,132 to £1,12m has lifted the taxable surplus of William Jackson and Son, baker, confectioner, meat product manufacturer, from £1,87m to a record £2,07m for the year ended April 30, 1979.

Turnover for the full period expanded from £93,34m to £102,45m.

After the year's tax charge of £375,702, compared with £334,071 last time, the net profit emerged at £1,49m, against £1,337,337, giving earnings of 86p (87p) per 50p share.

The dividend payout is increased from 5.40p to 6.5p per share.

A revaluation of the group's fixed assets has shown a surplus of £4.18m.



Mr. Donald K. Redford, chairman of Manchester Ship Canal Company, who is due today to report the group's interim figures.

L & G pension funds worth over £1.2bn

FUNDS WORTH £1.21bn are in the hands of Legal and General Assurance (Pensions Management), a rise of 30 per cent since the end of 1978. This is revealed in the interim investment report for the six months to end June, 1979. During the period over 40 new accounts have been opened to bring the total number of clients using the funds to 470.

The company is a subsidiary of the Legal and General Assurance Society, the largest pension company in the UK. It offers investment management services to pension funds on a pooled basis through the various funds under management. These operate on a unitised basis and the pension scheme makes its investment by buying units in the appropriate funds.

The most popular fund remains the Mixed Fund—a combination of fixed interest and equity investments. This grew in value by nearly 25 per cent over the

period from £520m to £648m, with the unit price advancing by 12.8 per cent. At the end of June, the fund was split 41 per cent fixed interest, 51 per cent UK equities, and 7 per cent overseas equities. There were net purchases of some £40m in the fixed interest market and £18.5m in UK equities. Activity overseas was at a low level.

The Property Fund increased in size by 16 per cent over the period from £410m to £485m, of which £444m represented the value of the portfolio. The fund is the largest single property fund available for pension scheme investment and its unit price jumped by 7.8 per cent over the period. The fund invested £27.6m in the acquisition of various property interests and a further £13.2m was added as a result of the transfer of assets from former insured schemes. At the end June the property portfolio was split 50 per cent offices, 32 per cent shops, 12 per cent industrial, and 2 per cent agricultural.

The Ordinary Share Fund advanced from £32.8m to £34.2m over the period with its unit price increasing by 14.3 per cent. The Fixed Interest Fund improved from £40.2m to £43.5m with a 12.2 per cent jump in unit price.

Mr. Keith Hall, head of L and G Pensions Management, says in the report that the experience and expertise of the Managed Fund is being increasingly welcomed in these uncertain times.

Lynton £8m property surplus

A professional valuation of properties in the UK, Belgium and Holland has shown a surplus over book value of £8.1m, say the directors of Lynton Holdings in their annual report.

The valuation at March 25, 1979 was £42.95m, against a book value of £34.85m. The managing director has adjusted the existing book values of the group's other properties on the same date which resulted in a £8,705 net provision.

Mr. Maurice Lambert, chairman and managing director, says that during the year they bought the leasehold interest of Bedford House, John Street, London, increasing the company's income on the building from £16,000 to £130,000 a year.

IN BRIEF

DRAYTON PREMIER INVESTMENT TRUST—Pre-tax revenue for first-half 1979—£2,01m (£1,74m). Tax £200,000 (£185,000). Available £1,77m (£1,56m). Interim 2p (same), already known, absorbs £267,700 (£263,400). Net assets £85.38m (£85.18m). December 31, 1978), or 23.9p (25.9p) per share. Facility to borrow foreign currency equivalent of U.S.\$10m for five years arranged with Midland Bank.

FIRST GUINNEY SECURITIES TRUST—Total net assets at June 30, 1979, were £31,247 (£31,110 at end-1978) equal to 2.35p (2.04p) per share. Dividends received less bank interest to June 30 (£12,650 (1978 £22,773)).

CLAVENHAM INVESTMENT TRUST—Gross income last year to June 30, 1979, £364,458 (£323,406). Net asset value per 50p share £125.85p (105.56p). DURA MIL—Dividend 3p (same) year to March 31, 1979. Turnover £682,552 (£682,275). Dividend £2,765 (£4,262) after tax of 665p (£4,900). Stated earnings 6.75p (10.65p).

LONDON AND LIVERPOOL TRUST—Final dividend 0.48p making 0.624p year ended March 31, 1979 (0.594p). Net revenue £23,550 (£19,324), after tax £14,288 (£12,574) and exceptional expenditure £13,240 (nil). Earnings 0.85p (0.77p); asset value 21.25p (18.35p) per share. Accounts of banking subsidiary Stewart Salson have been audited from consolidation in accordance with Companies Act 1948.

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Burt Boulton hopeful of improved year

LOOKING AT prospects for the current year of Burt Boulton Holdings, the chairman, Mr. B. Kilpatrick, says the timber company should produce a satisfactory first half while the surfacing companies are working well.

On the timber side, the directors are taking such action as they can in anticipation of a difficult winter and intend to keep stocks and other commitments for that period to the minimum necessary to maintain trading.

At Belvedere, a substantial reduction in the volume and costs of the softwood business has been achieved and a management reorganisation carried out. Though more has still to be done, the chairman hopes that the measures taken will bring the softwood business back to profitability.

A major reorganisation of the yard at Eling (Southampton) to bring methods and costs in line with the current level of business is in progress. At Hartlepool, the trading has already been concentrated on one of the two sites and further investigations are taking place.

Mr. Kilpatrick says, given reasonable weather conditions, the profitable period of the three surfacing companies should be extended this year in view of the large amount of road maintenance now necessary in both Britain and Italy, partially as a result of the cold winter.

In the year ended March 31, 1979 the group profit suffered a severe jolt, falling from £780,873 to £13,752. This was the effect of the bad winter, strikes and a substantial loss in the timber company; overall, the road surfacing companies maintained their profits. The dividend is cut from 10p to 7p per share, as reported on July 27.

In the year there was an increase in net indebtedness to

bankers of £1,395m (decrease £0,77m).

Meeting, Bournemouth House, Lancaster Place, W.C., on September 27 at noon.

Ling hints at Belhaven peace

By Arnold Kramdorf

THERE ARE unlikely to be any further boardroom changes at Belhaven Brewery Group—at least until the annual meeting, sometime next month. Mr. Roy Ling, who was deposed as chairman just over two weeks ago, said yesterday.

Mr. Ling, who held the chair at Belhaven for only two weeks, was commenting on the outcome of last Friday's board meeting, the first he had attended since being ousted.

"I have no reason to believe that there will be any immediate changes in the present construction of the board," he said.

Mr. Ling, who is still a director of Belhaven, was displaced from his post as chairman and managing director while he was negotiating a property deal for Belhaven in Bermuda. The Board said he was removed after a disagreement on changing the terms under which Mr. Ling's plastic company, Asphobut, was sold to Belhaven earlier this year.

Mr. Ling, who attended last week's meeting with his lawyer, said Belhaven's directors had given him a "friendly welcome" and that he had "got on with them as well as in the past."

At the meeting they agreed to "put up a unified front in order to bring back some confidence to the company," Mr. Ling

added: "We didn't solve all the problems by any means. There are still a lot of difficulties to be sorted out."

The recent Board changes also coincide with the announcement that Belhaven incurred losses of £28,000 (£191,000) for the year to end March, 1979, compared with an alleged forecast of £350,000 profits by former chairman, Mr. Gordon Garrie, whom Mr. Ling replaced.

Mr. Currie has denied that he made such a forecast.

Export drive by Downs Surgical

Mr. N. G. Shove, the chairman of Downs Surgical, tells shareholders he is confident in the continued growth of the company.

He says in his annual statement that continuing efforts are being made to expand the group's overseas sales operations, and he looks forward to a further increase in export turnover.

As reported on July 13 with profits of £518,000 in the final three months this year, maker and supplier of surgical instruments and appliances finished the 15 month period to March 31, 1979 at £1,78m, against £2,777 for the previous year. The dividend is 3.225p (2.325p) with a 1.025p final.

The company is to introduce a profit-sharing scheme to be approved at an AGM, the chairman says. Results for the 35 months are stated after providing £18,000 for the proposed share allocation.

At balance date fixed assets are shown as £2,24m (£1,91m), and net current assets at £4,61m (£4,2m).

City Investing reports record earnings for the second quarter

Revenues up 40%. Net income up 26%.

SUMMARY RESULTS (UNAUDITED)

| SECOND QUARTER ENDED JUNE 30, | 1979 | 1978 | % Increase |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|------------|
| Revenues | \$1,275,449,000 | \$ 909,634,000 | 40 |
| Net Income | 35,956,000 | 28,578,000 | 26 |
| Primary Net Income Per Share | 1.41 | 1.08 | 31 |
| Net Income Per Share—Assuming Full Dilution | .97 | .78 | 24 |
| SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, | | | |
| Revenues | \$2,447,260,000 | \$1,746,386,000 | 40 |
| Net Income | 57,993,000 | 46,695,000 | 24 |
| Primary Net Income Per Share | 2.20 | 1.71 | 29 |
| Net Income Per Share—Assuming Full Dilution | 1.57 | 1.28 | 23 |

- (1) Net income for 1979 includes provision for settlement of civil antitrust suits and gains on sales of investments in the securities of various publicly-owned companies, aggregating \$880,000 in the second quarter and \$154,000 in the six-month period.
- (2) City's accounts for the 1979 second quarter and six months include Servomation Corp., acquired in a purchase transaction as of October 1, 1978, by City's 75.8% owned subsidiary, GDV, Inc., and Unarco Incorporated, acquired in a purchase transaction as of January 1, 1979.

City Investing

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Capital Fixed Interest Portfolio 117.50

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LOCAL AUTHORITY BOND TABLE

| Authority (telephone number in parentheses) | Annual Interest | gross pay-Interest | Minimum of able sum | Life bond |
|---|-----------------|--------------------|---------------------|-----------|
| Knowles (061 548 6556) | 12 1/2 | 1-year | 1,000 | 5-7 |
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| Redbridge (01-478 3020) | 12 1/2 | 1-year | 200 | 6-7 |

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A quiet but interesting market in Holland

BY JOHN MAKINSON

THE Dutch East India Company listed its shares on the Amsterdam Stock Exchange in the early 17th century and paid dividends in peppercorns. A hundred years ago the exchange was financing railroads in the U.S. It has retained its international flavour, but the recent history has been less glorious. The number of listed domestic shares has halved over the last five years, turnover of shares and bonds is falling, and the issue market for equities is in the doldrums.

The dull performance of Amsterdam's bourse may have led U.K. investors, now freed of the dollar premium, to overlook it. The Capital International Index ended last year virtually unchanged from the opening, and this year's slightly firmer trend is mostly attributable to the rise and rise of Royal Dutch.

Yet by the middle of 1979 the average price/earnings ratio on the Amsterdam exchange was 5.1, the lowest of any major bourse, and the average yield of 6.9 per cent was the most generous. For guilders bonds, the real yield of around four per cent is the highest ever in Holland. Amsterdam may be quiet but it doesn't look unattractive.

Appealing

The structure of the market itself should appeal to the British investor. The banks, while acting as brokers, do not have the stranglehold on the market that their German counterparts enjoy. The bourse may be modest by London's standards, but there is a broad spread of investors, with private individuals probably holding around half the listed shares.

Commissions are lower than on other European exchanges (and foreigners obtain a 25 per cent discount), while there is no local withholding tax to be paid, so long as equity dividends are repatriated. The dealing practices will be familiar to London fund managers. The broking function is shared by banks and professional stockbrokers, while the work of the jobber is done by *hocklieden*, floor-traders specialising in a particular security.

British investors will be guaranteed a warm welcome in

TURNOVER — the Stock Exchange publishes figures for transactions passing through its clearing system, which accounts for almost all trading. In 1978, share turnover was £4.5bn in shares and £4.9bn in public bonds. Turnover has been slightly slower so far this year.

DEALING — Each listed security is traded at one of the 82 *hocklieden* (pitches) on the exchange floor through *hocklieden* (specialists). Internationals and leading domestic shares are traded on a continuous basis, while for most domestic equities there

are two quotations a day. Block transactions may be negotiated outside stock exchange hours.

TAX AND COMMISSION — There is no tax on bond dividends. Withholding tax of 15 per cent is payable on equity dividends, but this may be offset against UK tax if dividends are repatriated. Commissions are fixed by the Stock Exchange and, for foreign clients, vary between 0.525 and 0.75 per cent depending on the size of the order. Deals may also be transacted on a net basis. Stamp duty is 0.12 per cent.

MARKET VALUATION OF INTERNATIONAL AND DOMESTIC STOCKS

| | Capitalisation (Guillemers m) | Price | P/E* | Yield* |
|---------------|----------------------------------|-------|------|--------|
| Royal Dutch | 19,433 | 144.5 | 4.4 | 7.4 |
| Unilever | 4,161 | 122.4 | 4.2 | 6.8 |
| ABN | 1,961 | 338 | 4.5 | 7.4 |
| Heineken | 948 | 82 | 8 | 4.3 |
| Elsevier | 335 | 271 | 7.6 | 3.4 |
| Gist-Brocades | 178 | 47.8 | 8.3 | 5.3 |

* P/E and yield are historic.

Holland. Commissions are so low that the local banks claim to be losing money on their securities business with local clients. Trading major shares with foreign clients, however, they can deal on a more remunerative basis.

Dutch banks will probably be as keen to recommend guilders bonds as listed shares. Both kinds of security are traded in the same way and the bonds are currently offering an average yield of almost 9 per cent — or about two points more than the average equity.

There is unlikely to be any dramatic fall in bond yields as the Dutch Government is committed to a tight credit policy, and the gentlemen of the Bundesbank are helping to keep rates high in all EMS currencies.

Nonetheless, a modest capital gain may be available if last week's developments are anything to go by. The Dutch Government accepted tenders for Guilders 800m of 9 per cent paper and demand was nothing like satisfied. Banks, which were quoting rates of 1 per cent above par after the tender

International

The hitch is that the Dutch stock exchange is more a bell-weather of international economic conditions than of strength or weakness at home. International stocks account for the bulk of the market's capitalisation, with Royal Dutch alone making up 40 per cent of the totals. The 10 largest market valuations (all companies with international interests) account for 75 per cent of total equity

values — a higher proportion than on any other leading bourse.

Moreover, there are more foreign shares listed than domestic shares and the degree of foreign trading involvement is high.

The bulk of turnover on the exchange is in the international stocks (Royal Dutch, Philips, Unilever, Akzo and Hoogovens) and in a plethora of mutual funds on which UK investors must still pay the premium. There has been some British buying of internationals since exchange controls were relaxed, primarily in Royal Dutch and Unilever where arbitrage profits were to be made on switching from the British to the Dutch company. The currency diversification may be attractive to some fund managers, while pessimists among them could be tempted to hedge on a reintroduction of the premium.

Expansion

These international shares can, however, be bought and sold on other leading bourses, so the fund manager will probably need a latter carrot to bring him to Amsterdam.

Among the local stocks, the financial sector has traditionally been the star performer. The local ANP/CBS index, based on 1970, showed the banks at 287 and insurance companies at 167 last Monday. The index for internationals was 82 and for local industrials, a depressing 78.

The average price/earnings ratio for Dutch banks is about half that of their German competitors (ABN is on about 4.5 and Deutsche on over nine) and, though they do not have the attractive equity investments of the German houses, they are competing on the same international markets under the same conditions.

The major insurance companies are currently expanding abroad in a big way and analysts in Amsterdam believe this should enhance their earnings potential. *Nationale-Nederlanden*, which is buying a U.S. insurance group, trades on an earnings multiple of around six, compared with nine for Germany's Allianz.

Amsterdam also offers the UK investor exposure in the airline



sector, through KLM. The share price is volatile but, until British Airways is offered to the public, there is nothing comparable in London.

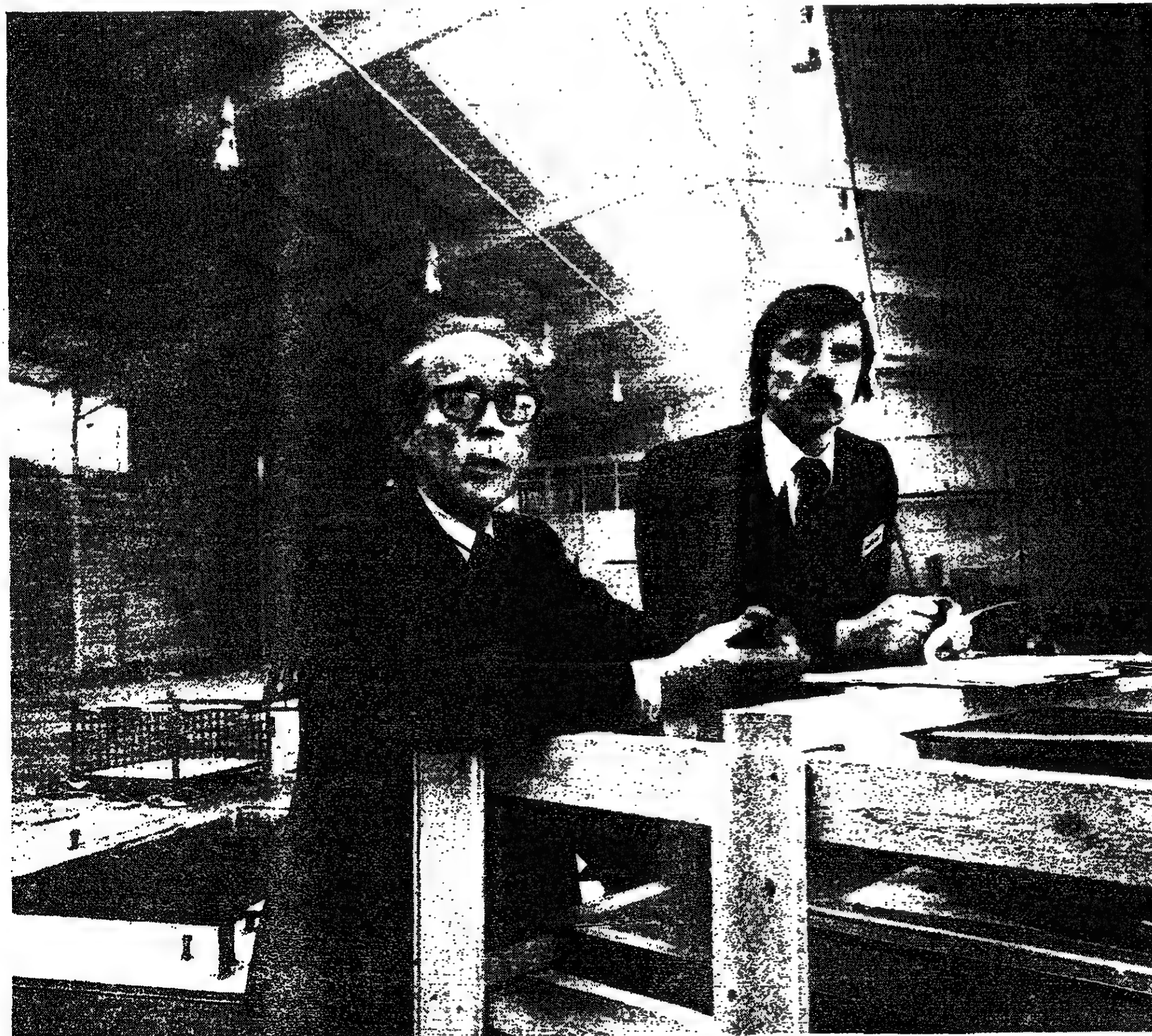
The industrial sector may look less tempting to the fund manager with a long memory. British investors had their fingers badly burnt on many local stocks during 1975 and 1976 and Dutch bankers fear they may take a once bitten, twice shy approach.

Bad memories are not the only drawback in trading domestic Dutch stocks. Marketability is limited, which can be a bugbear at times of foreign exchange volatility, and the Dutch themselves claim to be fully invested in many local shares, implying that any bullish impetus must come from abroad. This appears paradoxical, given the liquidity of Dutch institutions and the amount of money swishing around on short-term deposit. Local insurance companies, for instance, have a relatively low equity portfolio and have allocated much of the short-term money to fixed-interest investments.

The same handicaps apply to an even greater extent on the sizeable market in unlisted shares, which is supervised by two leading Dutch brokers and Kredietbank. This has generally outperformed the bourse but it has a high casualty rate and trading can be very thin.

Dutch bankers and fund managers often appear unenthusiastic about their own domestic share market. There is talk of freeing the commission structure to encourage investment in foreign stocks in Amsterdam and one manager admitted to a policy of switching more of his portfolio to Wall Street. The tulips appear redder on the other side. British investors have been sniffing around Amsterdam to see what is available but there has so far been little buying, except in the leading internationals.

The Amsterdam Exchange shows little sign of taking fire and the phlegmatic Dutch give the impression that they would find it vaguely embarrassing if it did. But, for the selective British investor, it offers more than peppercorns.



Plan with electricity for real efficiency

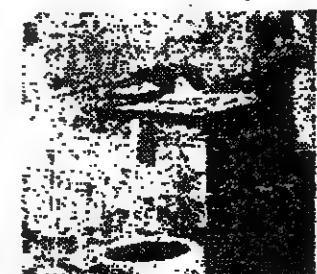
As Engineering Services Manager of Huddersfield-based Brook Motors Limited (part of the Hawker Siddeley Group), Jack Goodman has to turn company plans into positive results. He is pictured here beside Yorkshire Electricity Board's Ian Flint, with an electric furnace ready for installation in their new diecasting department.

The launchpad for a ten-year plan to streamline production of their range of electric motors, the Brook new diecasting plant will be all-electric. Jack Goodman explains: "After discussions with our Electricity Board we adopted one electric melting furnace on trial. Energy cost comparisons quickly established its advantages — and it gave us consistently better quality castings too." So pleased is the company with results, that they now plan to go electric in their new rotor casting shop pictured here.

They also investigated, and are now using, electric die pre-heaters. Indeed, from the battery-powered lift trucks providing smooth, efficient materials handling, to spark erosion machines which form their tools with unmatched precision, electricity is central to Brook manufacturing strategy.

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INSURANCE

Drinking and driving law reform overdue

BY OUR INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

THE TRANSPORT and Road Research Laboratory has just published its Supplementary report 441, entitled A Review of Inking and Drug Taking in Accidents in Great Britain, concludes that about one road death in five results from drinking in excess of the legal limit.

The report sets out the most to-date evidence: 38 per cent of car and vehicle drivers, and 10 per cent of motorcyclists have been found on post-mortem, examination to have had more in the legal 80 milligrams of alcohol per 100 millilitres of blood. Moreover, these percentages rise to an astonishing 60 per cent and 56 per cent respectively, on Friday and Saturday nights. Drivers who carry passengers and 34 per cent of passengers killed in car and cycle accidents are shown to have had excess alcohol.

Quite clearly our drinking and driving laws are long overdue reform. We are all entitled to ask our MPs and the Ministry of Transport why the recommendations in the Blennerhassett Report, tabled in 1976, have so long been ignored. It is not only that there could have been a substantial reduction in the 1,500 or so deaths that are attributed to drinking and driving. There are also a large number of injuries that could have been avoided as well.

In the seven years after the substantial reform of the law in the 1960s it is reckoned that about 3,000 deaths and 40,000 injuries were avoided. The same kind of consequences would flow from early legislation of the lines recommended three years ago by the Blennerhassett committee. There would be a massive reduction in accidents in the number and cost of jury compensation claims both to the State and to motor insurers. There would also be considerably less pressure for other premium rating increases.

It seems that the Government, it wishes, has the opportunity to grapple with this drinking-driving problem.

NALL STREET

NEW YORK

| 1979 | High | Low | Stock | Aug. 10 | 1979 | High | Low | Stock | Aug. 10 |
|------|---------|---------|-------------------|---------|------|---------|---------|--------------------|---------|
| 36 | 30 1/2 | 30 1/4 | Abbotts Lab. | 28 1/2 | 75 | 75 1/2 | 75 1/4 | Control Data | 48 1/2 |
| 37 | 19 1/2 | 19 1/4 | AM International | 16 1/2 | 80 | 80 1/2 | 80 1/4 | Corning Glass | 71 1/2 |
| 38 | 21 1/2 | 21 1/4 | Adco Oil & Gas | 20 1/2 | 81 | 81 1/2 | 81 1/4 | Crop International | 54 1/2 |
| 39 | 35 1/2 | 35 1/4 | Aetna Life & Cas. | 34 1/2 | 82 | 82 1/2 | 82 1/4 | Crocker Natl. | 54 1/2 |
| 40 | 33 1/2 | 33 1/4 | Air Products | 32 1/2 | 83 | 83 1/2 | 83 1/4 | Crown Zellerbach | 55 1/2 |
| 41 | 35 1/2 | 35 1/4 | Alcoa | 34 1/2 | 84 | 84 1/2 | 84 1/4 | Cummins Engine | 56 1/2 |
| 42 | 36 1/2 | 36 1/4 | Alcoa | 35 1/2 | 85 | 85 1/2 | 85 1/4 | Danaher Corp. | 57 1/2 |
| 43 | 37 1/2 | 37 1/4 | Alcoa | 36 1/2 | 86 | 86 1/2 | 86 1/4 | Danaher Corp. | 58 1/2 |
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| 97 | 91 1/2 | 91 1/4 | Alcoa | 90 1/2 | 140 | 140 1/2 | 140 1/4 | Danaher Corp. | 112 1/2 |
| 98 | 92 1/2 | 92 1/4 | Alcoa | 91 1/2 | 141 | 141 1/2 | 141 1/4 | Danaher Corp. | 113 1/2 |
| 99 | 93 1/2 | 93 1/4 | Alcoa | 92 1/2 | 142 | 142 1/2 | 142 1/4 | Danaher Corp. | 114 1/2 |
| 100 | 94 1/2 | 94 1/4 | Alcoa | 93 1/2 | 143 | 143 1/2 | 143 1/4 | Danaher Corp. | 115 1/2 |
| 101 | 95 1/2 | 95 1/4 | Alcoa | 94 1/2 | 144 | 144 1/2 | 144 1/4 | Danaher Corp. | 116 1/2 |
| 102 | 96 1/2 | 96 1/4 | Alcoa | 95 1/2 | 145 | 145 1/2 | 145 1/4 | Danaher Corp. | 117 1/2 |
| 103 | 97 1/2 | 97 1/4 | Alcoa | 96 1/2 | 146 | 146 1/2 | 146 1/4 | Danaher Corp. | 118 1/2 |
| 104 | 98 1/2 | 98 1/4 | Alcoa | 97 1/2 | 147 | 147 1/2 | 147 1/4 | Danaher Corp. | 119 1/2 |
| 105 | 99 1/2 | 99 1/4 | Alcoa | 98 1/2 | 148 | 148 1/2 | 148 1/4 | Danaher Corp. | 120 1/2 |
| 106 | 100 1/2 | 100 1/4 | Alcoa | 99 1/2 | 149 | 149 1/2 | 149 1/4 | Danaher Corp. | 121 1/2 |
| 107 | 101 1/2 | 101 1/4 | Alcoa | 100 1/2 | 150 | 150 1/2 | 150 1/4 | Danaher Corp. | 122 1/2 |
| 108 | 102 1/2 | 102 1/4 | Alcoa | 101 1/2 | 151 | 151 1/2 | 151 1/4 | Danaher Corp. | 123 1/2 |
| 109 | 103 1/2 | 103 1/4 | Alcoa | 102 1/2 | 152 | 152 1/2 | 152 1/4 | Danaher Corp. | 124 1/2 |
| 110 | 104 1/2 | 104 1/4 | Alcoa | 103 1/2 | 153 | 153 1/2 | 153 1/4 | Danaher Corp. | 125 1/2 |
| 111 | 105 1/2 | 105 1/4 | Alcoa | 104 1/2 | 154 | 154 1/2 | 154 1/4 | Danaher Corp. | 126 1/2 |
| 112 | 106 1/2 | 106 1/4 | Alcoa | 105 1/2 | 155 | 155 1/2 | 155 1/4 | Danaher Corp. | 127 1/2 |
| 113 | 107 1/2 | 107 1/4 | Alcoa | 106 1/2 | 156 | 156 1/2 | 156 1/4 | Danaher Corp. | 128 1/2 |
| 114 | 108 1/2 | 108 1/4 | Alcoa | 107 1/2 | 157 | 157 1/2 | 157 1/4 | Danaher Corp. | 129 1/2 |
| 115 | 109 1/2 | 109 1/4 | Alcoa | 108 1/2 | 158 | 158 1/2 | 158 1/4 | Danaher Corp. | 130 1/2 |
| 116 | 110 1/2 | 110 1/4 | Alcoa | 109 1/2 | 159 | 159 1/2 | 159 1/4 | Danaher Corp. | 131 1/2 |
| 117 | 111 1/2 | 111 1/4 | Alcoa | 110 1/2 | 160 | 160 1/2 | 160 1/4 | Danaher Corp. | 132 1/2 |
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| 119 | 113 1/2 | 113 1/4 | Alcoa | 112 1/2 | 162 | 162 1/2 | 162 1/4 | Danaher Corp. | 134 1/2 |
| 120 | 114 1/2 | 114 1/4 | Alcoa | 113 1/2 | 163 | 163 1/2 | 163 1/4 | Danaher Corp. | 135 1/2 |
| 121 | 115 1/2 | 115 1/4 | Alcoa | 114 1/2 | 164 | 164 1/2 | 164 1/4 | Danaher Corp. | 136 1/2 |
| 122 | 116 1/2 | 116 1/4 | Alcoa | 115 1/2 | 165 | 165 1/2 | 165 1/4 | Danaher Corp. | 137 1/2 |
| 123 | 117 1/2 | 117 1/4 | Alcoa | 116 1/2 | 166 | 166 1/2 | 166 1/4 | Danaher Corp. | 138 1/2 |
| 124 | 118 1/2 | 118 1/4 | Alcoa | 117 1/2 | 167 | 167 1/2 | 167 1/4 | Danaher Corp. | 139 1/2 |
| 125 | 119 1/2 | 119 1/4 | Alcoa | 118 1/2 | 168 | 168 1/2 | 168 1/4 | Danaher Corp. | 140 1/2 |
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| 127 | 121 1/2 | 121 1/4 | Alcoa | 120 1/2 | 170 | 170 1/2 | 170 1/4 | Danaher Corp. | 142 1/2 |
| 128 | 122 1/2 | 122 1/4 | Alcoa | 121 1/2 | 171 | 171 1/2 | 171 1/4 | Danaher Corp. | 143 1/2 |
| 129 | 123 1/2 | 123 1/4 | Alcoa | 122 1/2 | 172 | 172 1/2 | 172 1/4 | Danaher Corp. | 144 1/2 |
| 130 | 124 1/2 | 124 1/4 | Alcoa | 123 1/2 | 173 | 173 1/2 | 173 1/4 | Danaher Corp. | 145 1/2 |
| 131 | 125 1/2 | 125 1/4 | Alcoa | 124 1/2 | 174 | 174 1/2 | 174 1/4 | Danaher Corp. | 146 1/2 |
| 132 | 126 1/2 | 126 1/4 | Alcoa | 125 1/2 | 175 | 175 1/2 | 175 1/4 | Danaher Corp. | 147 1/2 |
| 133 | 127 1/2 | 127 1/4 | Alcoa | 126 1/2 | 176 | 176 1/2 | 176 1/4 | Danaher Corp. | 148 1/2 |
| 134 | 128 1/2 | 128 1/4 | Alcoa | 127 1/2 | 177 | 177 1/2 | 177 1/4 | Danaher Corp. | 149 1/2 |
| 135 | 129 1/2 | 129 1/4 | Alcoa | 128 1/2 | 178 | 178 1/2 | 178 1/4 | Danaher Corp. | 150 1/2 |
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| 138 | 132 1/2 | 132 1/4 | Alcoa | 131 1/2 | 181 | 181 1/2 | 181 1/4 | Danaher Corp. | 153 1/2 |
| 139 | 133 1/2 | 133 1/4 | Alcoa | 132 1/2 | 182 | 182 1/2 | 182 1/4 | Danaher Corp. | 154 1/2 |
| 140 | 134 1/2 | 134 1/4 | Alcoa | 133 1/2 | 183 | 183 1/2 | 183 1/4 | Danaher Corp. | 155 1/2 |
| 141 | 135 1/2 | 135 1/4 | Alcoa | 134 1/2 | 184 | 184 1/2 | 184 1/4 | Danaher Corp. | 156 1/2 |
| 142 | 136 1/2 | 136 1/4 | Alcoa | 135 1/2 | 185 | 185 1/2 | 185 1/4 | Danaher Corp. | 157 1/2 |
| 143 | 137 1/2 | 137 1/4 | Alcoa | 136 1/2 | 186 | 186 1/2 | 186 1/4 | Danaher Corp. | 158 1/2 |
| 144 | 138 1/2 | 138 1/4 | Alcoa | 137 1/2 | 187 | 187 1/2 | 187 1/4 | Danaher Corp. | 159 1/2 |
| 145 | 139 1/2 | 139 1/4 | Alcoa | 138 1/2 | 188 | 188 1/2 | 188 1/4 | Danaher Corp. | 160 1/2 |
| 146 | 140 1/2 | 140 1/4 | Alcoa | 139 1/2 | 189 | 189 1/2 | 189 1/4 | Danaher Corp. | 161 1/2 |
| 147 | 141 1/2 | 141 1/4 | Alcoa | 140 1/2 | 190 | 190 1/2 | 190 1/4 | Danaher Corp. | 162 1/2 |
| 148 | 142 1/2 | 142 1/4 | Alcoa | 141 1/2 | 191 | 191 1/2 | 191 1/4 | Danaher Corp. | 163 1/2 |
| 149 | 143 1/2 | 143 1/4 | Alcoa | 142 1/2 | 192 | 192 1/2 | 192 1/4 | Danaher Corp. | 164 1/2 |
| 150 | 144 1/2 | 144 1/4 | Alcoa | 143 1/2 | 193 | 193 1/2 | 193 1/4 | Danaher Corp. | 165 1/2 |
| 151 | 145 1/2 | 145 1/4 | Alcoa | 144 1/2 | 194 | 194 1/2 | 194 1/4 | Danaher Corp. | 166 1/2 |
| 152 | 146 1/2 | 146 1/4 | Alcoa | 145 1/2 | 195 | 195 1/2 | 195 1/4 | Danaher Corp. | 167 1/2 |
| 153 | 147 1/2 | 147 1/4 | Alcoa | 146 1/2 | | | | | |

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